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Norwalk virus shuts down seniors home

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

An outbreak of what could be Norwalk virus has made staff and residents of Haliburton Extencicare sick. So the long term care home has been closed to the public until further notice.

Jane Rosenberg, director of care, says the illness began last Wednesday and those struck by it were exhibiting the signs of Norwalk: vomiting, diarrhea, and severe stomach pains. However, until results come back from the lab, she says they cannot be sure what it is that's making the people sick.

In the interests of containing the virus, Rosenberg says they are not allowing visitors.

"It's really bad timing. We have events and parties booked so we hope to get this settled. I hear it (Norwalk or something resembling it) is out in the community and in the schools," says Rosenberg.

She explained they will be re-opening the facility to the public 48 hours after the last person has been sick.

Mike Burke, J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School principal, says he was not aware of any cases of the virus at the school but added they often receive calls or notes from parents saying their child has been "sick" or away with the "flu" which could be anything.

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DARREN LUM/Echo

Christmas comes early

A young boy beams as he opens his Christmas gift at the annual Christmas party at the Stanhope firefighters hall on Saturday, Dec. 7. With nearly 50 children, attendance figures were double last year's. Each child received a gift after playing games such as musical chairs. The Stanhope Firefighters Association organized the event and purchased the gifts while the Stanhope Ladies Auxiliary provided baked goodies. Community volunteers were also instrumental in running the event. Special guests were Santa Claus and well-known musician Dave Archibald. See additional photos in the upcoming Christmas supplement.

Parents support new school in the east

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

A vast majority of parents who responded to a survey from the school board are in favour of a new, centrally-located school to replace the schools in Wilberforce and Cardiff.

Now all the board has to do is persuade the province to build the school.

There are two main problems facing the Trillium Lakelands District School Board. There are more students than space in Wilberforce but the building is so old and the lot is so small that it probably isn't feasible to build a new school at that site.

Cardiff has the opposite problem. It has hardly any students and half of its classrooms are empty.

The board came up with the idea of building a new school to accommodate students from both areas, and perhaps locate it somewhere appealing to families in the Gooderham area now that the Gooderham school has been closed and students are being bussed to Haliburton.

The new school would also have its own gym, which neither Wilberforce nor Cardiff has.

Under the new funding formula, the school board has no power to raise taxes to build new schools. The province has all the control over construction but must also come up with all the money. It has said it will not

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Read all about it – Highlanders spark publishing bonanza

My goodness! Is everyone in the Highlands becoming an author? In this week's *Echo* we tell you about Steve Galea's new book of columns. He's not the only one with a busy pen.

Wren Blair, the founder of Haliburton Hockey Haven and the PineStone, will be at Under Cover Books in Haliburton on Saturday December 21 from noon to 4 p.m. to sign copies of his new autobiography, *The Bird: The Life and Times of Hockey Legend Wren Blair*. We'll have a feature about it next week.

Haliburton Highlands author, Shirley Anne McCormick, has just released her second book of fiction, *Seasons at Redstone Creek*. The tale is one of struggle and adversity, change and growth, family and friendship. This provocative story set in cottage country is told with warmth and humour. Her first book was the historical novella, *The Estate of Mrs. Pearl Whiteman*. The

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news and events worth noting

author's first collection of favourite poems, most of which have been included in Canadian journals throughout the past decade, was also published this year in *Days in Green and Blue*. All three books are available at www.cottagecountrybooks.com or Under Cover Books in Haliburton and Gambell's Antiques in Minden.

Lake Kashagawigamog cottager John Southcombe has also been spending a lot of time at his computer keyboard. He's written *Southcombes in Haliburton*, starting with his parents' arrival in 1937. John has always had a keen eye for history and a deep and abiding love of Haliburton, both of which come to the fore in this charming history. Congratulations to all four writers!

New works are being created throughout the village of Haliburton and everyone is invited to discover the results this Thursday. The students at Sir Sandford Fleming College's three certificate programs are having an open house as a way of bringing their hectic 13-week sojourn in the Highlands to a celebratory close. So drop by the ceramics open house at the main Haliburton campus, the drawing and painting open house at the old MTO building on County Road 121 just west of the village and the artist blacksmithing open house at the Peel building in the Industrial Park from 6 to 9 p.m. on December 12.

Margaret Montague dropped by *The Echo* office recently with a word of warning to people who drive on Hwy 407, the toll road north of Toronto. She got a bill recently. On one side it said she didn't owe anything. On the other it said she owed \$29.63. When she checked the account numbers, each side of the same bill was for a different account. It turned out that she owed nothing and another Haliburton resident owed the \$29.63. It pays to read the small print.



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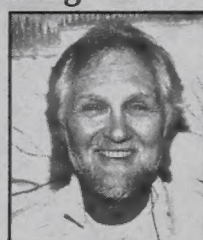
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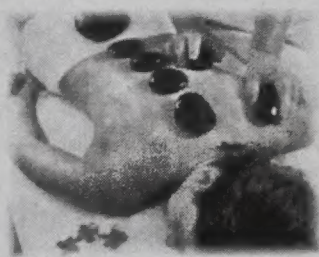
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Riders warned to stay off trails and lakes

Early season snowmobiling can be very dangerous and riders should exercise extreme caution because conditions are unpredictable, ice may not be safe and local snowmobile trails are not open.

This blunt warning was issued last week by the Haliburton County

Snowmobile Association following the recent wintry conditions. "Early in each season, over-eager snowmobilers take unnecessary risks and pay with their lives when simply waiting a

week or two would have made a huge difference in the stability of conditions," says Ron Purchase, general manager of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC).

"This time of year is especially tricky to predict, so even side by side, one area may be adequate for riding, but the next totally unsafe."

Snowmobilers are advised that no local snowmobile trails are open or ready for riding at this time.

On Monday, the HCSA groomed the rail trail but at press time had not yet decided whether to open it.

Snowmobilers must watch out for natural obstacles that would normally be completely buried under packed snow later in the season. Snowmobilers are also advised that, with snow coming early, all signs, stakes and trail markers may not be in place yet.

The OFSC also warns that ice on all waterways and swamps should be highly suspect and assumed to be unsafe.

Snowmobilers are especially cautioned that riding on public roads or cross-country during this time of uncertain conditions is a bad choice as these areas pose higher risks for snowmobilers at the best of times and should always be avoided.

"Our best advice is for riders to leave their sleds parked until trails officially open and grooming has commenced," concluded Purchase.

"And then, riders are reminded that snowmobiling is an off-road activity, so use OFSC trails at your own risk."

To check on local trail conditions, please visit the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association's website at www.hcsa.on.ca



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Elections Canada listens

Dysart et al Reeve makes his case for keeping Algonquin Highlands in the riding of Haliburton-Victoria-Brock at last Tuesday's Elections Canada hearing in Barrie. The Highlands delegation included county Warden Eleanor Harrison and Dale Walker, president of the riding's provincial Progressive Conservative association. The commissioners, who have suggested putting the municipality into Parry-Sound Muskoka, did not make a ruling but they did say the Highlanders made "a compelling case."

Rails End gala a great time

Annual event raises \$5,700 for Haliburton's cash-strapped gallery

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Strong support from local artists and the community made this year's fundraising Christmas Gala at the Rails End Gallery a great success, says Haliburton Highlands Fine Arts Guild president Joe Smith.

During the gala guests purchased tickets for a piece of art they fancied. At the end of the evening names were drawn for 18 different pieces. Susan Turner, gallery financial manager, estimated the event raised \$5,700.

"This is our way of saying thank you to the artists and the community for the help through the year," says Linda Hammond, Guild vice-president.

The members of the guild organization committee did an outstanding job in creating delicious hors d'oeuvres and a warm environment for the gala. Approximately 100 guests enjoyed the wine and food while perusing the art.

Hilary Brown, a guest, says the evening was good fun and she was absolutely thrilled with the piece of art she ended up with by Sue Forbes - a framed piece of lovely glass with fish looking like they're swimming through it.

"I collect fish and have been admiring her work. Her pieces are really unusual. The colours she uses are spectacular - so vivid," says Brown.

The gala attracted at least 100 visitors, including another art work winner Robert Veen, who was visiting from the Kitchener/Guelph area.

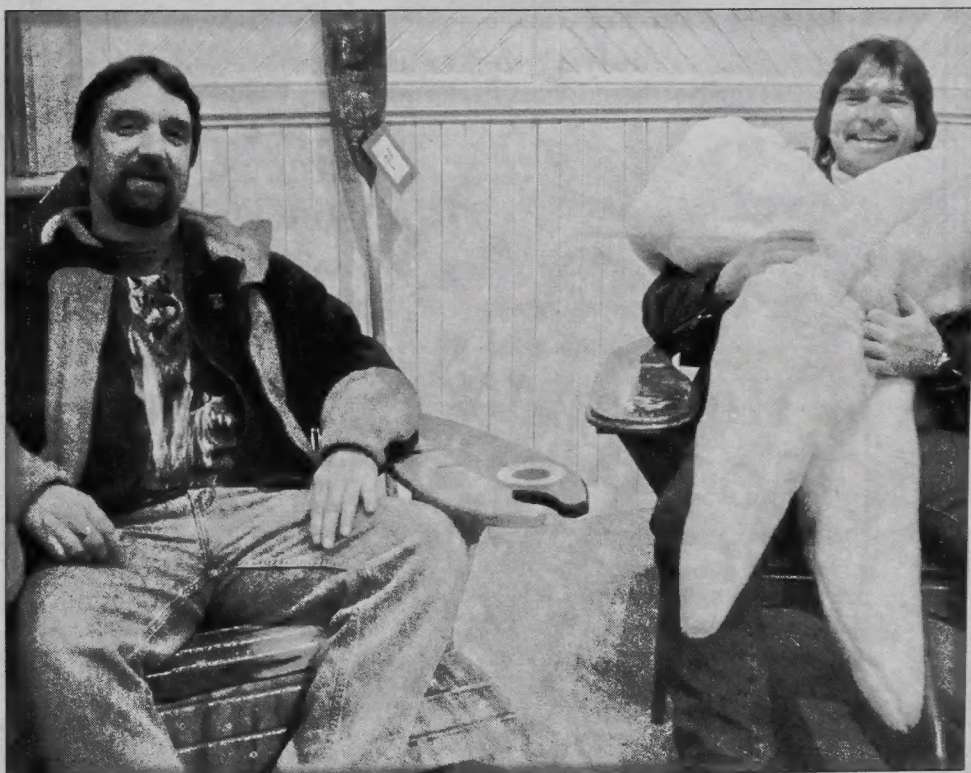
"Without having this splendid gallery

to encompass the art work, we never would have thought to stop here. And we found in a place four hours away (from home) a little paradise of contemporary art," says Veen.

Smith says this paradise is soon to improve as well. The folks behind the gallery will be busy during the winter months making arrangements for the upcoming year when they hope to see

the gallery moved into the park and structurally improved thanks to a SuperBuild grant from the province.

Hammond says they are waiting for Dysart et al's council, the lead agency for the grant, to finalize the SuperBuild agreement. Hammond explained it is now up to Dysart councillors to establish how large a renovation and expansion project they will undertake.



Tom Green and Robert Veen try out two of the decorated Adirondack chairs that were successfully raffled as a fundraiser for the Rails' End Gallery during the recent Christmas Gala.

Norwalk virus hits 'fast and furious'

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Staff at both the Minden and Haliburton hospitals say there seems to be more people exhibiting the symptoms but there are no confirmed cases yet of Norwalk virus. The virus has attracted a lot of attention because it recently caused the closure of part of Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto.

Sharon Connell, a Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit nurse, works in the communicable disease department. She describes the Norwalk virus as "fast and furious."

It was originally identified in Norwalk, Ohio in 1972, which is how it got its name. It falls under the umbrella of acute viral gastro-enteritis. It is a virus that attacks the digestive system making it quite different from influenza or the "flu" which is a respiratory infection. It is also not quite as highly infectious as the flu but can spread extremely quickly through a home or an institution. Connell says that if you are healthy, Norwalk will cause vomiting and diarrhea for about 24 hours but can last for up to 48 hours.

"It's spread by contact with surfaces. If (a building is) contaminated you can pick it up from a door handle at the mall," says Connell.

She added that, aside from frequent hand washing, there is nothing you can do to prevent contracting Norwalk. Once you have the virus, she also suggested it may be better to let it run its course. Anything you may take to stop the vomiting and diarrhea may just prolong the time you are ill. However, Connell did warn in the height of a Norwalk attack that, even though you cannot keep fluids down, you should try to drink fluids to avoid becoming dehydrated.

Babies, the very young, or the very old and anyone with an immune system easily compromised should see a doctor,

says Connell. She says a baby can reach a critical state in a very short period of time.

For otherwise healthy adults, Connell

says you know you are on the mend when you can start keeping a few sips of liquids down. She explained that it is a bit of a game of wait and see unless you

are exhibiting severe side effects such as a change in the level of consciousness or an inability to urinate; in that case you should seek medical attention.



DARREN LUM/ECHO

Giving season

The O'Reilly family is donating more than \$400 in toys to the 4Cs in Haliburton in lieu of sending Christmas gifts to business clients. They hope other businesses will do the same this year for the children. (l-r) Kushog Construction owner Philip O'Reilly presented the 4Cs director Murray Tripp with the toys. In attendance were employees Ryan Woodand, Lenny McKnight and Greg Miller, foreman Mike Klockhoff, O'Reilly children Matthew and Shane, Philip's wife, co-owner Kelly, and Snoopy.

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Trails and Tours cutting a path for Haliburton's future

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Hundreds of thousands of dollars are now committed to the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network, making for an exciting end of the year, says President Barrie Martin.

He admitted during the network's recent annual general meeting that earlier in the year there had been a discussion of giving up. The network had been without a co-ordinator since January and was struggling with operating costs. Martin says what saved them was a new leadership team consisting of David Bishop, Don Gage, Kate Hall, Brian Menton and Steve Galea.

"One of our options was to shut down. I'm glad we didn't. The leadership team has contributed a lot to our success," says Martin.

The network's membership grew by 72 per cent to 152 members, the majority of which are businesses. The goal is to bring everyone into the network from the private and public sector or individuals interested in trail development.

The network's concept has gained funding support as well. Haliburton County and Algonquin Highlands have contributed \$13,000 for general operations. Martin says they are attempting to get some trail language into the new official plans being developed by all of the local municipalities as well.

The Trillium Foundation contributed \$12,000, while the Ontario Living Legacy Program has committed \$307,000.

Treasurer Don Gage says they are still waiting for that cheque to arrive.

"It's good to get the dollars, it's a start. But we have a \$5 million general goal to get trails built and to create the standards we want so we have a way to go yet. We're in the process of launching a fundraising campaign," says Martin.

An adopt-a-metre of trails program will be part of it. The network is applying for charitable status and the county has agreed to issue tax receipts on their behalf until that status is granted.

Gage said that since the network started it has increased its revenues dramatically but has also increased expenses. The network spent \$28,625 on administration this year but should be spending about \$60,000 with a co-ordinator.

Martin says the county promised the network \$30,000 annually for three years to help with those costs if they secured OSTAR funding. In return, Martin says they have committed to developing a sizable trail in each of the four municipalities.

"It's time now to deliver on our promises. This spring and summer we will be doing trail construction and looking for volunteers," says Martin.

Jim Blake talked about the Living Legacy Program money. Their goal in the first year is to develop 30 km of trails, market them and develop a hiking organization to help maintain them. In the second year, the goal is to upgrade 60 km of trails.

"We need to motivate people to live actively. We're looking for trail man-



SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo

Roy Truchan and Barrie Martin are more optimistic about the Network's future.

agers and owners interested in participating in the program," says Blake.

Karen Hoover, network employee, says they are also looking for sponsors for their trail map brochure. They have gone through 50,000 brochures in two years and are currently redesigning it with the

guidance of Roy Truchan.

She also asked if anyone would be interested in volunteering in their winter travel workshop series they will be running in January that will include snowshoeing and sled dogs. There are lots of opportunities to help, she said.

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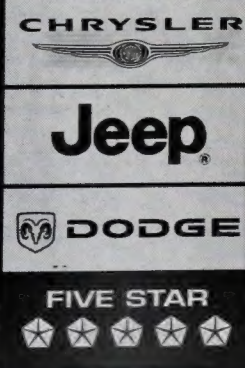


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Home Support glad Romanow recognizes its important role

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Approval mixed with a dose of caution and concern is the reaction to Health Commissioner Roy Romanow's much anticipated report on health care in Canada at Haliburton County Home Support Services.

"We urge the provincial government to give additional funds to community support services as provided by Home Support. Some of this money could come from the freed-up funds now given to acute home care by the province, as the federal government will be giving financial support to it," says Home Support's executive director Donna MacDonald, speaking on behalf of Bob Mitchell, president, and the board.

She says they are not being negative about the report and are pleased to see that the value and role of home care have been recognized as an integral part of health care. Romanow recommended that \$2 billion, of the \$15 billion he thinks needs to be invested in the system, be spent on home care, medication management and rehabilitation services, home-care services for palliative care, and home mental health care.

Romanow stated in his report that the goal is to promote independence but home care is also cheaper than hospitalization. MacDonald says it was good to

see the elderly and disabled population's need and desire for access to home and community care recognized.

However, she added that due to the medical model focus, the prevention and maintenance needs of those same individuals were not directly included in the report.

There are a few points she did feel were good news for Haliburton including the identification of Haliburton as rural area and the need for a new rural and remote access fund. Board members of Haliburton Highlands Health Services expressed similar approval for the allocation of more resources to rural health services during a recent board meeting.

MacDonald says the new fund could help Home Support's transportation program. She explained that since April 2001 the usage of its transportation program has increased by 64 per cent, causing a large dent in their limited budget despite the efforts of volunteer drivers.

"We are pleased that the report gives recognition to the work of volunteers and caregivers...There is a recommendation for financial support for unpaid caregivers - a new program under EI to allow people to take time from work and allow them to spend the necessary time caring for their family members."

She added they are urging the government to act as quickly as possible on Romanow's recommendations.

Sir Sandford Fleming College gets \$500,000

Sir Sandford Fleming College will receive an extra \$500,000 in operating funds this year.

"Colleges and universities in rural and northern areas, such as Sir Sandford, face higher costs than those in other parts of the province," MPP Chris Hodgson said in a press release. "They develop and offer programs that meet regional needs and this additional funding will help them continue to develop and deliver these programs."

The college has campuses in Peter-

borough, Lindsay, Haliburton and Cobourg.

It has also received the province's blessing to host one of 22 new applied degree programs - a Bachelor of Applied Technology in Environmental Assessment and Management.

Hodgson says "students and parents can be assured that the challenges of the double cohort are being met, and young people across the province will continue to have access to high-quality post-secondary education and training."



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Honoured Canadian

Haliburton resident Michael Barnes, who has written several books about northern Ontario, including a new book on Haliburton County, was recently awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Award due to his membership in the Order of Canada. He has also been given the Canada 125th Anniversary award.

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Thumbs up for local delegation

As a reporter, you get to sit through a lot of meetings. You get to be expert at them, actually. Almost like the Siskel and Ebert of the meeting world.

So it's with a great deal of confidence that *The Echo* can give a thumbs-up to the county's delegation at last week's Elections Canada boundary commission hearing in Barrie. Kudos to county Warden Eleanor Harrison, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey and Dale Walker, president of the riding's provincial Progressive Conservative association.

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editorial

— martha perkins

As is so often the case, although the Highlanders had to wake up the earliest to get to the hearing in Barrie by 9:30 in the morning, they were the last to be asked to speak. For four hours, they patiently sat through the delegations from other parts of the province until it was their turn to address the commissioners who want to take all of Algonquin Highlands and put it in the riding of Parry Sound-Muskoka.

By early afternoon, the local delegation was as bored with the long speeches as the commissioners were. They decided to essentially abandon their prepared scripts — the commissioners had copies in advance anyway — and have more of a conversation. They picked up on points made earlier by the commissioners, challenging them firmly but politely, responding to what the commissioners were thinking of instead of concentrating solely on the county's perspective.

It also helped that the county's three separate presentations did not provide a united front. Fearrey and Harrison were divided — in a friendly way — over the whole Dorset issue.

Earlier in the meeting one of the commissioners said that, in the last boundary changes, he put the municipality of Sherborne et al in the northern riding so the village of Dorset would no longer be split between ridings down the main street. Since that time, Sherborne et al amalgamated with Stanhope to become Algonquin Highlands, hence his desire to put all of Algonquin Highlands in the north.

But as Harrison and Fearrey pointed out, Algonquin Highlands is only one per cent of the population of Parry Sound-Muskoka but it's 10 per cent of Haliburton County. Isn't it better to split one small village instead of an entire county?

But here's where Fearrey and Harrison split. Fearrey took a pragmatic approach, saying that if Elections Canada was adamant about keeping all of the village in one riding, why not just take Dorset, or even Sherborne et al, instead of the entire municipality. Better to end up with some of what the county wants rather than nothing at all. Harrison had a more impassioned viewpoint. She was adamant that all of Algonquin Highlands be put in Haliburton-Victoria-Brock. When you believe in something, fight for it with your whole heart.

Although the commissioners did not make a ruling on the boundary change at the hearing, their comments seem to bode well for the county. One commissioner said the local delegates presented "a compelling case." Another told them they had made some really good points and assured them that the commission had heard what they had to say. It was worth the early morning drive to Barrie.



Walking on Head Lake

photo by DARREN LUM/Echo

On thin ice

While back, I noticed that the lakes around here were suddenly frozen over. Though my memory is hazy as to the exact day when this happened, I'm guessing that it was somewhere around the same day that cliff diving season ended for me. With that in mind, I think it's about time that we deal with ice fishing safety.

Let me first say that I like ice fishing as much as the next guy. And, like the next guy, I'd like it a whole lot better in Florida from a boat.

Though I can take the cold, I'll admit that I prefer ice fishing when I'm dangling a line from the top side of the ice. The sport loses much of its appeal viewed from any other perspective. That's merely one of many reasons why experts advise you not to drill a circle of closely spaced holes right around your seat.

Here are some additional precautions that will ensure that all of your auger holes are being drilled in the right direction.

First off, if you see an angler venturing forth on ice less than four inches thick, watch him closely. The odds are pretty good that he's quite a sportsman since he's accepted the challenge of trying to outsmart creatures that are much smarter than himself. Maybe I'm cautious, but I'll even insist on thicker ice in my drinks.

Despite only four inches of good ice — a minimum for walking individuals — I've seen "adventurous" types try to drive their cars and trucks out to the fishing grounds. If you do decide to take that chance, here's a handy little tip. Either borrow a vehicle or tie a long ribbon of blaze orange onto the antenna of yours. Not only will it mark the spot, but it also shows the recovery team that you're considerate and not just stupid. This provides them with added incentive to try a little harder. On the plus side, sunken vehicles make great artificial reefs and, if you can find one, you've got a prime fishing

spot. Get there quick enough and you need not worry about drilling tiresome holes.

Great ice conditions or not, an angler should possess rudimentary safety equipment such as cleats and ice picks. These things will get you out of desperate situations.

That's important because there are several insidious things that the ice angler has to contend with. Take, for instance, the cold. Without

a doubt this is the most dangerous foe that he or she faces. I mean, aside from the obvious perils of messy sneezes in a crowded ice hut, the sniffles alone will drive angling buddies into doing unspeakable things involving you and your bait. I won't go into details; let's just say that some folks maintain that this is where the term "slot size" originated. As you might have guessed, this is one of those desperate situations where the cleats and ice picks will come in handy. If you defend yourself well enough, your pals

will merely banish you from the hut and the warmth provided by the chili that you shared at lunch.

Exposed in such a way as this, there's the hidden danger of windburn and it's for this reason alone that I recommend snowmobile suits that don't have button up flies. Worse still, nasal icicles tend to form longish tusks and, depending on how far north you are, an angler's day might then be ruined by wandering polar bears or nearsighted Inuit hunters.

But, hey, once you get past all this, ice fishing is nothing but pure fun.

Personally, there are few other things I'd rather do. A true outdoorsman doesn't mind frigid cold, bitter wind, slick ice, getting skunked and drilling hundreds of holes through thick ice by hand. Then again, if I wore a snowmobile helmet, I could always stretch out the cliff diving season...

the not so great



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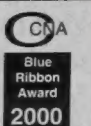
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Staying humble

MARK HELD THE WHEEL IN A FIRM but responsive grip as he peered through the windshield. Before him the night swirled and billowed in snowy shapes, like cotton batting unrolling and tugging itself open in a haphazard, senseless manner. When he left his friend's house, Mark had been surprised by the amount of snow that had fallen in two and a half hours. The temperature had also dropped and so he had sat in the cold car waiting for a few minutes until the engine had warmed a little before heading out onto the highway.



sharon
lynch

down
our
road

This was strange weather for November; it felt more like January. Pulling out of the driveway, Mark had wondered if the seasons would ever seem 'normal' again. Like his marriage, the weather had left its predictable tracks and was now careening off into unexpected directions. How he longed for the old days of habit and probability.

It was a dark night without stars or moon. There was a sense of heaviness, of the unseen clouds hanging low with their burden of snow. That snow was thinly falling again, whipped by the wind into ghostly currents moving across the road's surface as Mark's headlights shone forward. He knew the highway was slippery. It had to be. The day had been mild, melting snow and even raining a little. Now this.

Beside Mark, his small dog George sat alertly in the passenger's seat, ears forward as he stared ahead much like his master. This vaguely unnerved Mark because usually George was curled up on the upholstery, oblivious to anything but his immediate comfort. Was some inner sense alerting George to danger, some foreshadowing, wondered Mark.

Every now and then another vehicle would approach him from the opposite direction. Like two ponderous ships, they slowly moved toward each other, then passed, as though travelling through thick seas of fog. Mark was relieved to see no one was foolish enough to speed under such conditions. But, for the most part, he and George were alone, moving through the night with the single purpose of reaching home.

Glancing to either side, Mark saw the black-on-black shadows of bush nudging the road's shoulders. He was very aware that he travelled through an area that was largely uninhabited, at least by humans. Seen from the air, his headlights would look like a thin beam on a ribbon swallowed within an ocean of darkness. If anything happened, if he spun out on some ice or ran out of gas or his car just stopped, there he'd be in that ocean.

Oh sure, he quickly told himself, another car would appear before long and pick him up. Probably. Hopefully. But what if, just for the sake of argument, none did? What if something happened somewhere far away and there were very, very few vehicles on the roads anymore? Maybe some war, a fuel shortage, a population shortage, Africa's Aids epidemic repeated in comfortable Canada - coast to coast. Was it possible?

Mark felt a shiver travel down his spine even as he shook his head and gave a disgusted grunt at his own thoughts. He was just feeling a little jumpy on this slippery drive home. It was late. Mustn't spook himself, let his mind distract him from the business at hand. George continued to gaze intently ahead into the snowy arc of light before them.

Still, thought Mark, trying to relax his grip a bit on the wheel, when you come right down to it, we humans are pretty vulnerable to the forces of mother nature, the elements, whatever you want to call them. Here he was in his expensive motor vehicle with a computerized this and that but he and his fellow travellers were still creeping along, making their way through a winter storm. Not only were they cautious in their dealings with the weather from their fancy technological perches, but God help them if they ever had to get out and walk.

Despite all the trappings of scientific achievement, Mark had few illusions as to who would win out if he ever had to make it totally on his own on a night such as this. If it ever came down to sheer survival, he would be very vulnerable indeed.

But now buildings began to appear as he neared the outskirts of town. The glow of other lights, softened by the falling snow, looked warmly comforting. He felt his body loosen and sink slightly into his seat. They were almost home. He found himself following the tracks of another vehicle that must have pulled out from a sideroad. His headlights marked their progress. Until he saw them swerve off to the right and over what he knew to be a slight embankment. Mark hit the brakes, but carefully. Someone might need help.



pic of the past

Santa Claus has been known to use a number of conveyances other than his eight reindeer when he visits local communities, including fire trucks, and as in this picture, a couple of ponies. The photo was taken in 1954, and shows Frank Roberts having some fun as Santa. At left is Wilbert Bain. The two storey brick building is the Grand Hotel. It offered a popular restaurant as well as rooms for rent. Eventually it became a Stedmans Store, and was destroyed by fire in 1986. The small store in the hotel was owned by Martin Best. It sold woollen goods. Beside it to the right is Griggs five-cents-to-a-dollar store, and the old Bank of Montreal location. The bank and Griggs were badly damaged by fire at one point. This photo appears to show the building after it was restored. Our thanks to Ken Holm for providing us with this unusual photo.

letters to the editor

Urban bias could cost us plenty

To the Editor:

Jason Ward has stated that he wants to make things better for the riding. Well, the leader of the Liberal Party, Dalton McGuinty, has the opposite attitude.

In a recent speech he stated that if elected Premier "he would use the gasoline tax to subsidize urban transportation systems", already subsidized by tax money.

It is my understanding that the gasoline tax is to be used to improve the roads of the province.

Here we are in rural Ontario where many of us don't even have mail delivery. We have to drive to the Post Office to get our mail - in fact even to post a letter we have to drive.

Most of us don't have garbage pickup. We have to drive to the landfill.

To go shopping we have to drive.

The young people have to take the school bus (paid for out of our taxes) and have to walk the

first two kilometres. I doubt any child in Toronto walks that far.

If they want to go to Cubs, Scouts, Cadets, band practice, hockey, baseball, etc., someone has to drive them.

If we want to go to the theatre or dinner, to visit friends, etc., we have to drive. In order to go to work we must drive.

If Dalton McGuinty has his way, every time we make one of these necessary trips we will be paying part of the fare for someone in an urban area.

The present TTC fare in Toronto is \$2.25 and less for seniors and students. For this fare, one can travel a great distance. According to the CAA the cost of running a car is approximately \$.45 per kilometre.

It seems to me that we are paying our own way. Isn't it about time the people in the urban areas paid theirs?

Bill Beatty,
Drag Lake

Professor seeks biographies of women teachers

To the Editor:

As part of a research project on the history of women teachers in 20th Century Ontario, we would like to obtain copies of autobiographies, memoirs or biographies of women who taught in the province's schools. If you are aware of such

material, we would appreciate hearing from you. Please contact Dr. Rebecca Coulter, Faculty of Education, University of Western Ontario, London, ON N6G 1G7; (519) 661-2111, ext. 88603; coulter@uwo.ca

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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



HHHS decides on new technology system

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The following is a brief account of the meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board of directors in November.

A new information technology system will be developed for HHHS in partnership with Lindsay's Ross Memorial Hospital. Thousands of dollars have been spent trying to keep the current system operational and the board has long been investigating options to upgrade.

The new MediSolution software program will cost approximately \$200,000 and was found to be the most practical option. Kim Stamp, chair of the stewardship and resources committee, told the board the committee has reached a comfort level with Ross Memorial and is moving ahead with the project.

Doctor shortage

Stamp also addressed the issues of "orphan patients", those people who do not have a family physician and are therefore relying on the hospitals to provide primary care. She says there is a significant financial impact on HHHS because of the additional work needed to get admission data on top of the actual cost of treating these patients.

The auditors, she says, insisted this year that HHHS have an acting supervisor to manage these case files. Stamp says they advertised the position and an individual has been chosen to begin on December 16.

Financial statements

Cathy Outram, HHHS chief financial officer, said that the second quarter financial statements showed it was down in patient revenues in the X-ray department. Administrators are working with X-ray staff to see what they can do to improve that area.

A second factor in the second-quarter deficit of \$131,000 is the unexpected large amount of benefits, primarily owing to maternity leaves. Outram says there are five maternity leaves at the Haliburton site and four at the Minden site.

Outram told the board their cash flow position is tight and she has asked the ministry for a cash advance, particularly since they are having to pay for Ministry of the Environment-mandated water projects at HHHS which will cost \$143,000 that was not included in budget. Another \$18,000 may be expended to bring the boilers at the Haliburton site up to standard. She says they will be asking for funding assistance will be requested for this Ministry mandated program.

Hyland Crest is operating temporarily in a budget surplus position but she does not expect that to last till the end of the year. Keith Sansford, HHHS chief executive officer, commented that the primary reason the two nursing homes are in a good position is because of the shared administration costs in the organizational structure.

Outram says the nursing envelope is overspent for both facilities and the county used to kick in substantial money to get it to balance. She is hoping when Extencicare talks with them as a consultant she will get an insight into how they can find greater efficiencies.

She warned they will need those efficiencies because next year the ministry will not hold over their status as being funded for 100 instead of 85 residents at Highland Wood, representing a current \$80,000 cost saving they have now but will lose.

Planning strategies

Strategic planning continues to progress after a well-received workshop in November, says Dr. Richard Charron, chair of the governance and planning committee. He says work by the focus groups will be completed by Christmas.

He reported that a professional recruitment task force has been created with representatives from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Gary King, Haliburton County's chief administrative officer.

He says a commitment has been made for the task force to report back within three months on what type of incentives and recruitment strategies the county's citizens will support.

Marg Risk added that her committee is working on finishing an application for a nurse practitioner by the Dec. 11 deadline. She says since Minden has been classified as under-serviced they stand a better chance in this round of funding.

It was suggested there are a number of qualified staff who could upgrade their training to a level of nurse practitioner. This would increase the likelihood of their actually staying on staff.

Community center

An application is also being made for a community health centre which would usually consist of physicians, rehabilitation, a dietitian, nurse practitioner and an outreach component at Minden.

HHHS meets three of four criteria for a centre: the area has a high percentage of lower income families, they are rural and isolated, and a high proportion are seniors.

"We have a facility, the support and we meet all of the variables. We have a good chance, maybe a 75 per cent chance of getting a CHC. It's our turn," says Sansford.

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Happy 100th, Delilah!

Extendicare resident's smile has more wattage than 100 candles

ALLISON TAYLOR

Staff Reporter

Delilah Fielder still has a few tricks up her sleeves.

At 100 years old, the birthday girl was all smiles at her Extendicare home on a recent Sunday afternoon, and ready to play a round of euchre. Card games are her favourite pastime.

"She loves a good game of euchre and solitaire," said her daughter Patricia Bradburn with a smile. "We just had a game the other day."

But instead of bringing out the cards last weekend, her friends and family brought out a gigantic white birthday cake, decorated with strawberries and kiwi, to commemorate the special milestone that Delilah has just passed.

Delilah's smile lit the room as the cake was placed in front of her for the ceremonial first cut.

Born and raised in Coboconk at Four Mile Lake, Delilah married and spent the next several years of her life travelling. The family, with three children, two of whom have passed away, settled at a farm in Beaverton where Delilah worked endlessly, Bradburn said.

"She was always a hard worker," Bradburn said.

During the war Delilah worked at a munitions factory.

Her husband, Arthur, died in 1986 and Delilah came to live with Bradburn in 1992. A few years later she fell and broke her hip and moved to Extendicare in Haliburton.

She has three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Twenty-one years ago Delilah was in a hospital with congestive heart failure. The doctor told her family that she wouldn't live much longer.

"They were obviously wrong," Bradburn said, as she watches

ALLISON TAYLOR/ECHO



Delilah Fielder celebrates her 100th birthday at Extendicare in Haliburton as her family and friends present her with a gigantic white birthday cake decorated with strawberries and kiwi. Fielder doesn't know what her secret to longevity is, but she said she enjoyed having people visit on her birthday.

her mother chat with family and friends in the distance.

Meeka Roberts, activity aid at Extendicare says Delilah is "a sweetheart."

"When you ask Delilah how old she is, she says she is sweet 16," Roberts says.

The birthday girl still participates in all the activities at Extendicare from morning exercises to singing, trivia, bingo

and, of course, her card games.

"She is witty and she is just amazing," Roberts says.

Two of her relatives, Ray and Joan Holloway, think that Delilah is just "super."

"Just imagine what she has seen over the years," Ray says. "She has so many experiences and memories."

Sitting with a huge smile on her face, mesmerized by the

crowds of people around her, Bradburn says her mother is "doing pretty good."

"I don't think I'll ever live to 100 - I didn't get my genes from her side of the family," Bradburn says.

The birthday girl herself can't reveal her longevity secrets.

"I don't have any secrets," she said. "I just feel special to have all these people around."

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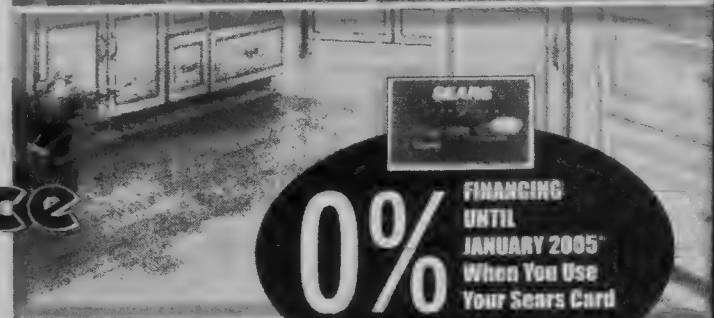
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Gord Schakelaar has sights set on another marathon after completing NY Marathon in the autumn. See story on page 16.



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Ryan Bottum holds onto a loose ball in the offensive zone under the bucket during the second-half when things nearly fell apart for the Red Hawks.

Red Hawks hang on

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

HHSS 53 I.E. Weldon 41

The Red Hawks are breathing a sigh of relief after a game that was nearly lost in the third quarter.

A 16-point lead at the half of last Wednesday's junior basketball game was nearly erased by an I.E. Weldon team that came within four points of tying the game in the third quarter. The Red Hawks came to life in time and pulled away in the third quarter for the convincing win.

Things went right for the Red Hawks from the onset of the game. The Red Hawks' attack caused turnovers and Wildcat fouls that sent them to the foul line five times in the opening minutes, resulting in five points.

Red Hawks captain Conrad Flatman played well and got the offense going by sinking two foul shots for a 2-0 lead. Flatman earned the trip to the line when he was fouled in the lane during a lay-up.

Flatman outclassed his position opponents on nearly every play. On the first Red Hawks' possession Flatman exploited his superior abilities when he left an I.E. Weldon guard on his back with a simple quick cross-over move to the left. The play excited the audience and inspired the rest of the Red Hawks who appeared to gain confidence on each possession thereafter.

Forward Ryan Bottum would be a strong presence in the key all game, but was pivotal in the first quarter when he added to the 2-0 lead, scoring six straight points to maintain the lead that wouldn't be relinquished, 8-6.

Right before the half, the Red Hawks exploded for an 11-point run to leave with a half-time lead, 30-14.

In the second half, the strong Red Hawks start was nearly all for naught as the Wildcats came out firing, drawing within four points off a 14-2 point run. Many of the points were from fast-break opportunities that the Red Hawk full-court press couldn't contain. The Red Hawks couldn't find the bucket as shot after shot missed.

The scoring drought ended when Travis Walker and Ryan Bottum combined to ignite the team with strong physical work under the Wildcat bucket. Off a Walker miss, Bottum rebounded and before he could get off a shot was hacked on the arm and earned two shots. He made both, extending the lead 34-28 at the end of the third quarter.

With the score 37-34 in the third quarter, the game still hung in the balance as both teams traded baskets. The Wildcats were inching closer to tying.

HHSS player Sean Keaney, playing a defensive perimeter, jumped into a passing lane and stole the ball to run the floor for a layup. On the play he was fouled and didn't convert his shot. Despite the miss his effort helped to spark the rest of the team.

The Red Hawks would build back their lead with a nine point run for a 47-36 lead with minutes left in the game. With nothing left, the Wildcats couldn't respond.

Flatman added 13 more points in the second half for a game high 25 points. HHSS is 1-0 and have a tournament title a few days into the 2002-03 campaign.

Wildcats prove too strong for Red Hawks

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

HHSS 47 I.E. Weldon 74

The senior Red Hawks basketball team is looking to their second game after losing big to I.E. Weldon in their home opener on Thursday, Dec. 5.

Despite hustle and an undying spirit throughout the game, the Red Hawks couldn't match the skill exhibited in the offensive and defensive zones by the Wildcats.

The game was close in the first quarter. The Red Hawks were within five points, down 11-16 in the dying sec-

onds of the first quarter. It would be their smallest deficit of the game.

By the second quarter the game was truly out of reach. The Wildcats pulled away for good with a 22-9 run in the quarter to end the half up by 20 points, 40-20.

At the start of the second half, the Red Hawks came out fired up, but both teams came out with a sloppy play. Even with Red Hawks captain Andrew Mansfield and Brad Mickle attempting to turn it around through strong efforts to bring the deficit down to 14 points it wasn't enough to draw the Red Hawks even.



Above: Coach Paul Longo intensely encourages his players, in the dying seconds of the game, to finish strongly despite the score.

Left: Guard Matt Sansford fends off his defensive check, looking for someone to pass to.

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Junior girl's volleyball

Match 1
HHSS 25 Cobourg East 18
HHSS 22 Cobourg East 25

Match 2
HHSS 25 Campbellford 11
HHSS 25 Campbellford 13

Match 3
HHSS 8 Clarke 25
HHSS 26 Clarke 28

The juniors travelled to Campbellford for a tournament last week, finishing with a 1-1-1 match record. They played Cobourg East, Campbellford and Clarke.

Notable performances during their matches came from Kristen Stackhouse for strong blocking, Kate Dawson for her spikes, and point-saving digs by Nicole Manary. In their second-year at junior, Dawson, Stackhouse and Kerry Heming will be looked to for their experience in upcoming matches.

The HHSS will be hosting a tournament starting at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Senior men's hockey

HHSS 2 I.E. Weldon 1

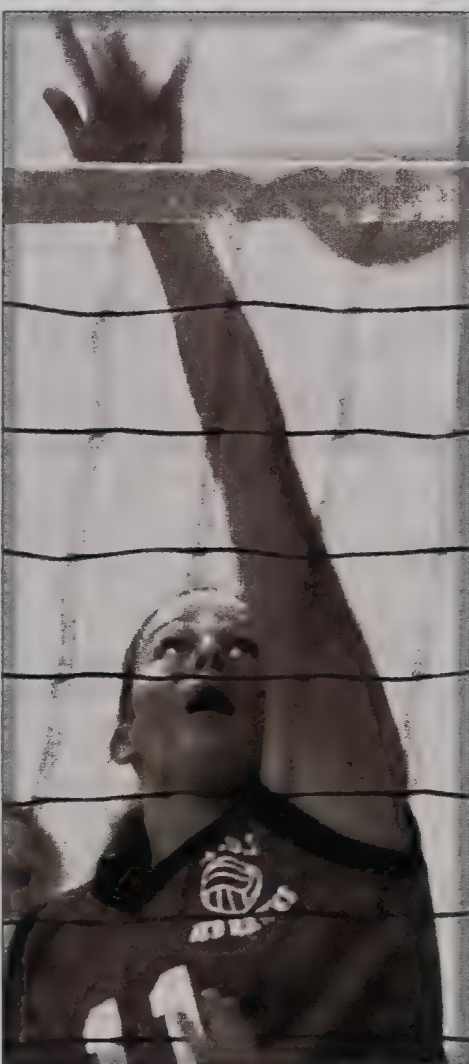
On Wednesday, Dec. 4, the Red Hawks went to I.E. Weldon to battle the Wildcats.

Despite seven power-plays the Red Hawks weren't able to capitalize, but did get a PP goal when it mattered. Adam Hutson scored the winner at 14:14 of the second period. Red Hawks went 1-7 on the PP.

With the win the Red Hawks are now tied for first in the West Division. They have a 3-3-1 record.

Evan Kernohan led all game scorers with two points, a goal and an assist. Joel Cooper continues to be sidelined with a shoulder-injury. It's uncertain when he'll return.

Next home game will be 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11.



Top: Cassie Hie and Chelsea Dunn rise too late to block a spike.
Above: Jess Keetch misses the ball.

Senior women's volleyball

The team was in tough during a round-robin, best-of-two match, rally-point, home tournament last week. There were six schools, including HHSS, that competed at the school's first tournament this year: Clarke, St. Thomas Aquinas, Fenelon Falls, LCVI, I.E. Weldon. The Red Hawks finished in the second half, winning two games from five matches. Both game wins came early in the afternoon as a result of split decisions against Clarke and St. Thomas Aquinas. LCVI, the perennial volleyball powerhouse, finished the tournament in first place with a 10-0 record.

Match 1
HHSS 25 Clarke 20
HHSS 14 Clarke 25

Match 2
HHSS 25 St. Thomas Aquinas 14
HHSS 21 St. Thomas Aquinas 25

Match 3
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HHSS 5 LCVI 25

Match 5
HHSS 21 Fenelon Falls 25
HHSS 17 Fenelon Falls 25

Storm Novice undefeated

ANDY LENNOX

Special to the Echo

The Highland Storm's minor novice team, sponsored by Haliburton Tim-br

Mart, has completed their first round of scheduled play undefeated. An exhibition game with Bancroft Novice A's brought these boys their first taste of defeat with a well played game by both teams. The next test was a tournament in Norwood, facing teams from bigger centres.

The first game would pit the Storm against Parkdale. When the opponents skated on to the ice Highland fans were seen checking their maps to be sure we were in the right place...these kids were big. Our boys were unimintimidated as they skated to a 3-0 victory. With a scoreless first period, we would score twice within a minute, goals going to Stewart Chalk and Tanner Ballantyne assists going to Jacob Harrison and Tanner B. Tanner B would get his third point with a goal early in the third to seal the victory.

The next game had the Storm on the short end of a 5-1 loss to Uxbridge, with the lone goal going to Jordan Howe who simply out strided the defence, the assist to Tanner B. This would put the Storm in the B division final with Peterborough. At the end of the first our team would be up 1-0 with a long knuckle ball shot by Jordan, help coming from Jacob H and Stewart. From that point in was back-and-forth action and great to watch. After tying it twice, the second would end 3-2 Storm. Goals going to Tanner B and Stewart and assists to Jordan and Tanner B. Peterborough would again tie it early in the third. But as the see-saw action had been, our boys would score on a heads up play by Donovan MacInnes who went on a breakaway and deked out the goalie for the winning goal. The helpers on this play went to Tyler Barry and Tanner B.

Special mention goes to our goalie Mike Kunkle who made some amazing glove and stick saves like it was old habit. Our team then rushed out of the arena with their B championship trophies.

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I have never ceased to be amazed at volunteers who will willingly set out in rain and sleet to dig trenches for culverts or to cut down sodden brush for the prospect of having themselves or others glide gently by on a firm well-set ski track on a crisp winter day. I am reminded of a visitor from a non-skiing part of Australia standing in her waterproofs as the rain poured down on herself and other volunteers, being overheard exclaiming "Isn't this fun!"

It can also be fun on a sunny, bug-free day with vibrant fall colours, when we are with a group of friends out in the bush together.

I am writing this as general praise for volunteers who have worked on ski trails over countless years and are too many in number for me to name. Their combined efforts together with a lot of work by contracted bulldozer and excavator operators have given us much of our present trails system.

Others have generously donated materials or equipment time, showing that the initial actions by the club volunteers can be enhanced - "If these guys can put in the time, the least I can do is to offer help."

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Peter Brogden

So when you swoop down the smooth hills with snow flying from your skis or cross over a scenic stream

well above the water, I ask you to remember that the trail didn't just happen, it was put there, probably by several people.



The new Lakeview Trail Bridge in November, 2001. Our indefatigable Trail Manager Wes Lytle with excavator operator Keith Hughes survey the placement of stringers donated by Peter Schliebenbaum of Haliburton Forest.



(l-r) Sir Sam's Ski Patrol Members Heather Lynn powers up the newly acquired defibrillator while Ross Pawson reads the monitor during a training exercise. Fellow ski patrol member Ron MacKenzie looks on.

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The Track 3 program is returning for the third sea-

son, providing an opportunity for people with physical and developmental challenges to enjoy the freedom and fun of skiing. Watch the news or check with Sir Sam's for more information and start dates.

The Ski Patrol and Hill Management were at Sir Sam's long before the hill opens, completing training and getting the facility and equipment ready for your skiing and boarding pleasure.

On December 7th, the patrol and hill operations met to practice chair lift evacuation, get the toboggans and patrol room ready, and make sure that our skis were tuned for opening day.

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Woodville Hurricanes downgraded by Highland Storm

A quick glance at the league standings would suggest a blowout game, but this was not the case when the Woodville Hurricanes showed up with a good squad at a recent home game for the Atom A Storm.

It didn't take long, however, for the Storm to start. In the first 30 seconds Scott Griffith scored with an assist by Mike Callaghan. The Storm then took advantage of a bad Hurricane change when Drew Paul found Craig Mulholland in full-flight at the 3-minute mark for another nice goal. The Storm showed little mercy, as they continued to drive to the net. Matt Rae's point shot rang off the goal post during a Storm wave.

The forward line of Mulholland, Griffith, and Brett Hicks made good on their efforts with Hicks setting up Mulholland from behind the net with 2 minutes left. Then Ashton Haley potted another goal on a rebound in front, amidst a melee, after another hard shot by Rae. The first period ended with the Storm well in front of the Hurricanes 4-0.

Starting the second period, Rae showed his savvy for the net with another great

opportunity to score. The very next shift, Rae demonstrated two-way play in an excellent back-checking role to stave off a Hurricane charge. The forward line of Keaton Gadway, Adam Van Nood, and Chris Judge certainly made their presence known to the Hurricanes with strong fore checking, and almost had a goal for their hard effort. Haley got a second goal at the five-minute mark, assisted by Mulholland and Hicks. The defensive units of Paul, Callaghan, Gallagher, and Rae played up, taking their opponents with sound body checks in order to thwart any Hurricane drive. Occasionally the Hurricane chinked through the Storm defense, and Zack Harrison showed he was in charge by shutting the door. The Storm dominated play the rest of the second period, with more excellent offensive forays, exhibited by great passing plays, and more good chances on net.

With the score already 5-0 to start the third period, the defense got a chance to score by moving up to the forward positions, and the forwards found themselves backing up the play for a change. This move did not halt the forward progress of the Storm, as they continued

to pressure the Hurricane net. The defense enjoyed the opportunity to frolic, and made the best of it. Rae found himself in an uncustodial position, all alone in the slot in front of the Hurricane net, with the puck on his stick, but his shot struck the goalie, and stayed out. Judge scored from a mini-scrum in front, assisted by Paul and Brandon Yake with 4 minutes remaining in the game. Matt Gallagher made good on his opportunity with 3 minutes left, assisted by Griffith and Paul.

With the game in the final minute, the Hurricanes got really nasty with their sticks, inflicting pain on several Storm players. This behavior demonstrated the Hurricane frustration over a sound 7-0 thrashing. The return match up against Woodville is Friday, Dec. 13th.

Singing the Blues

Speaking of luck, how would you explain what happened next, when the Storm showed up for a home game, and two away teams arrived at the same time for that game? Our schedule showed a game with Cannington, but the Huntsville Blues were there as well. Not exactly experienced in such matters, the

coaching staff made the best decision for everyone's interests. The Storm forfeited the game to Cannington, and Huntsville played an exhibition game with Cannington, beating them 8-2 in the process, and then took on the Storm immediately afterwards, and won again 2-1.

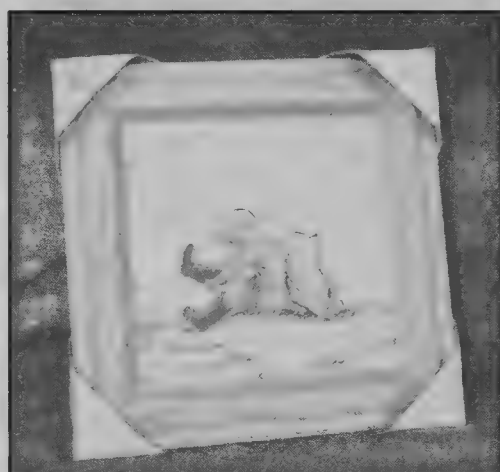
The Huntsville squad has improved significantly of late, having just won the A championship at the Cobourg Tournament. Their improvement showed on the ice and on the score sheet.

During the Storm game, all the scoring was done in the first period, with neither team being able to dent the goalies armor the rest of the way. Yake got the lone marker for the Storm. Sensing a two-point loss to Cannington, and realizing that Huntsville was an exhibition game, it seemed to discourage the Storm, as they did not play to their full potential.

Mark Vasey returned from his Mexico vacation, making it to the arena by game time.

The Storm take to the road for the next two weeks, with their only home game, a key match up with the first place team, Orono Leafs scheduled for 4 pm Dec. 14 at the Dysart et al arena.

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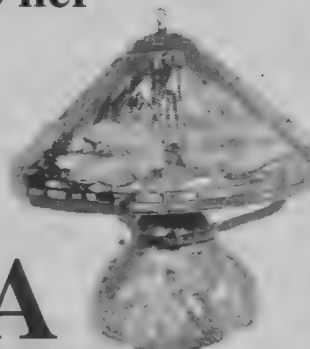
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Going_{the}distance: one s t r i d e at a time

Story by Allison Taylor

Photo by Darren Lum

Gord Schakelaar proudly wears the medallion he earned from finishing the New York Marathon a few months ago on the second floor of his office building looking over Haliburton village. He expects to run another marathon, but not the New York event, since he believes there are better marathons in the US.

Gord Schakelaar knows how to set a goal. In the winter of 2002, the branch manager at Assante in Haliburton decided that he was going to finish a marathon in the United States.

Fast forward to the streets of New York City several months later, November 3 to be exact.

It took him slightly over five hours, but he endured 26.2 miles (42 km) of endless running and he did it with a smile on his face.

Describing the experience as "emotional," Schakelaar says it was an unbelievable feeling to set a goal and carry it through until completion.

The New York City Marathon covers five bridges and five boroughs in what many people describe as the centre of the United States, starting at Staten Island and winding through Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx, Manhattan and eventually winding up at Central Park.

"It's not a pretty run," he said. Lengthy hills, rugged terrain and long bridges made the race a challenge. "At the end you almost feel like asking people to help push you off the curb on your way home. Your legs are just done."

But it was the millions of bystanders who lined the race course who helped propel Schakelaar to the finish. The thousands of runners didn't hurt either.

"There were over two million people lining the streets," he said from his office just over a week after the race. "The people are right there, right beside you, egging you on - it's just unbelievable."

Approximately 32,125 runners start the race in staggered starts. Many of the elite runners are off the mark first and the various levels of athletes follow in timed starts, he said.

Being surrounded by that many athletes was a mental

challenge in itself, he said.

The key for him was to stick to his own race.

He trained using a run/walk method, where he ran for 10 minutes and walked for one minute. In that short time of walking he would re-hydrate and eat any type of energy gels or water he felt he needed.

While Schakelaar says he wasn't very happy with his finish time, he felt a real sense of accomplishment when he finally crossed the line.

Another element of emotion during the race hinged on the fact that, nearly 13 months earlier, the city was ravaged by terrorism.

Schakelaar said there were lots of runners who ran on behalf of people who either died in the twin towers or in one of the airplanes that crashed on that fateful date in September 2001.

Before the race started, Schakelaar said he visited ground zero.

"It was a sobering experience," he said, adding that he wasn't expecting so much solidarity within the running community of firefighters, police officers and families of victims scattered throughout the course and within the race itself.

"It was a fantastic thing to witness and to experience," he said.

For Schakelaar, just as for many other runners and athletes, the journey to the finish line was half the battle.

Running was something Schakelaar discovered later in life, as a way to lose a few pounds.

Walking was his main source of exercise at the beginning of his mission to lose weight, as was watching what he was eating. Eventually the pounds started to melt away and he lost 45 pounds. He was ready to run.

"I felt like I had more energy and I felt healthier," he

said.

Schakelaar started to run with a few close friends from Haliburton who were also experienced runners. He said he did most of his training alone on the streets or on a treadmill.

In August 1999, Schakelaar ran his first race: the Kashagawigamog Dash.

After lacing up his shoes and heading out into the streets of Haliburton for that monumental race, Schakelaar was hooked. "It is a tight-knit community of runners in Haliburton," he said. "There are so many runners out there, it's a great support system."

He ran his first marathon in Niagara Falls. Then decided to step his training up a notch and commit to a larger race in the United States with the help of some running books and advice from friends.

All good training systems hit a flaw from time to time. Schakelaar's snag was a broken foot.

On Father's Day in June, after already beginning his training regimen for the New York City Marathon, Schakelaar broke his foot water skiing.

Six weeks he was out training.

While he admits to having feelings of abandoning his goal altogether, he had already committed himself to running in New York, and wasn't going to give it up easily.

Coming back after the injury was a challenge, but he eventually got up to about 40 or 50 km a week and raced in two half-marathons in Toronto before the marathon in New York.

After accomplishing his goal, he isn't entirely sure he wants to race another full marathon any time soon. But running is still in his blood.

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Colder weather seems to be arriving earlier this year. What impact that will have on this season's local bird population remains to be seen.

More important is the abundant wild food crop. Conifers are laden with fruit. There are lots of acorns and seeds on birch, ash and maple. Mountain ash and flowering crab are heavy with fruit.

However, the wild food crop is equally bountiful all the way from northern Ontario to the Atlantic. Pine grosbeaks will likely remain in the north feeding, on mountain ash as well as species of true ash. Redpolls and crossbills will find plenty of food on tamaracks, spruce and birch long before they reach Haliburton County.

Purple finches are here in some numbers, while the numbers of goldfinches seems to have declined from higher levels earlier in the fall. Pine siskins are about in small numbers. While these finches are around, they don't feel the need to visit feeders regularly. A few evening grosbeaks have been reported and numbers may increase later in December and into January.

The freezing of ponds and smaller lakes has begun to concentrate remaining

waterfowl in the larger lakes and along rivers where current prevents ice buildup.

This year's bird count takes place on Saturday, December 14. You can help by joining one of the groups out counting on that date (call Ed Poropat at 457-3018), or by reporting the birds you see at your feeder and around your neighbourhood.

The count circle extends from Moore Falls in the southwest to Lochlin in the northeast, from Irondale in the southeast to Bob Lake in the northwest and from Kinmount in the south to Mountain Lake in the north. Birds seen outside the count circle are of interest, but cannot be included in the official total.

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Story and photos by Darren Lum

Her eyes glow with a luminescent life force. She has a smile to match. Marjorie Sorrell is a testament to the human spirit—the closest thing to an angel.

At 70, she continues going through the motions... ballet motions that is. Some might think, at 70, she's in the twilight of her life, but anyone who has met her would swear she's only begun.

Nearly everywhere she has travelled she's danced. From her travels to Europe, Australia and now here in Haliburton, she's either taught or taken a ballet class.

When she started the Sir Sandford Fleming College drawing and painting course back in September, she immediately looked for a dance studio where she could continue with her craft. To her delight she found two: the Heritage Studio and the Haliburton Dance Arts.

She recently assisted Heritage Studio instructor Julie Barban with a class and has been meeting with her privately for a few months.

"It's really inspirational....I hope I can do what she is doing at her age," Barban said.

Since she started at the age of four, Marjorie has been ballet dancing and teaching longer than most people have been alive.

She has taught at and owned four dance studios through her lifetime, and has taken classes with the National Ballet school in Toronto.

Even though there have been times when she was away from the art form, due to financial constraints, she's always had a connection to the dance form, taking night classes while working as a hospital X-ray technologist.

When her husband of 40 years, Brian Sorrell, passed away five years ago from leukemia, she withdrew from the arts entirely, including painting and drawing. She was drawn back by her soul.

"I had to rekindle my soul after my husband died. That's what really did it," Sorrell, a grandmother of seven, said.

She wasn't about to sit around and wait for the grim reaper for the next 30 years, she said. Rather than stay in a state of depression she escaped.

"When you're in dance you're somewhere else altogether," Sorrell said.



Top: Marjorie spins in place, a whirling dervish on the dance floor.

Top right: The soft-spoken woman has a strong presence.

Right: Marjorie points to well-known ballet performers.

Above: Like an angel, Marjorie seemingly floats.

Below top: Julie Barban and Marjorie rest after dancing.



From 'ick' to 'aah': Field naturalists learn to love bugs

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Love is as many faceted as a fly's eye and as Jean Godawa can tell you, that is a lot of facets.

Godawa has a litany of educational credentials but the true mark of her genius is the way she can manipulate what many regard as an instinctive fear of insects into curious interest. She recently gave a talk to the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists, who chatted before the beginning of the meeting about their repulsion of certain members of the buzzing, crawling, biting world of tiny creatures that many refer to simply as pests.

Gently holding the at-least-three-inch-long Hissing Madagascar Cockroach in her hand before allowing the foreign visitor to amble up and down her arm, it is obvious she has developed a deep affection for her subject of entomology. The "hissing" part of this cockroach's name comes from the whoosh of air exhaled through holes across its abdomen when it is trying to scare something off. This cockroach does not bite, it doesn't have the kind of mouth you can bite with, so Godawa let her friend travel up and down the arms of several of the audience

members.

"These guys are nothing like the cockroaches you have in restaurants here. They smell foul. The Madagascar has no odour, no wings and they move slow. They don't pee or poo and have been held by hundreds of children," she assured her crowd.

The evening was a show and tell performance seasoned with basic and little known facts. Godawa started out by explaining an insect has six legs, a head, thorax and abdomen, the clearest example being an ant. Bugs are an order of insects. Spiders are not bugs and incidentally have eight legs. Millipedes have two pairs of legs per body section, clearly seen on one of her pets – an African millipede as big as a hot dog in diameter and several inches long. Centipedes in comparison, have only one pair per body section and are the nastier of the two because all centipedes bite and have venom, even if they are not particularly toxic to humans, Godawa explained.

Lesser known facts she presented are that baby dragonflies can live under water for three to five years and cicadas can live underground for 17 years before coming to the surface in the last stage of their life to reproduce and die in a period of two weeks.



DARREN LUM/ECHO

Bill Martyn holds a Madagascar Hissing Cockroach during an introductory seminar on insects. Jean Godawa, an entomologist, taught 16 adults about insects, shattering myths and misconceptions.

"There are actually a lot of things out there that live only to reproduce and die in a really short period of time," says Godawa.

Godawa is hoping to parlay her knowledge into a weekly summer program for

kids next year. She says by studying insects one can gauge the healthiness of an entire ecosystem so there are a lot of lessons the tiny creatures can teach people, and Godawa has every intention of giving those lessons.

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Use official plan to block heavy industry, county council told

ALLISON TAYLOR

Staff Reporter

As the county moves forward with its official plan, Gord Smith wants to make sure it plans for any industrial development that might want to plant roots in the county.

"We need to clearly look at the bylaws and at the official plan and look to people with expertise to help us out," Smith said at the November 27 county council meeting.

He has been actively involved in fighting against a proposal to build an asphalt plant near his home in Carnarvon on Hwy. 118. He attended the meeting as a representative of the coalition of concerned citizens attempting to prevent the development.

"If you take simple steps to ensure our official plan is specific, then you don't have to worry about damage after the fact."

After quoting several aspects of the draft official plan, he asked council to consider the long-term protection of the environment. If there are several instances of small problems, then the cumulative effect will increase the damage on the environment, he said.

Smith said he moved to the area to enjoy what he called utopia. He said that now is the perfect opportunity for the county, while it was preparing a draft official plan, to ensure proper planning for the environment.

"All townships' official plans need to be scrutinized in order to adequately protect our resources," he said. "Official plans clearly recognize the limits of development that are not sustainable."

Cathy Olliffe, who lives right next door to a gravel pit on Highway 118, where Royel Paving proposed to build an asphalt plant, was also at the meeting.

She said that the coalition wanted to find out what they could do to make sure developments such as asphalt plants didn't turn up in the county.

"You have more power than you think you do," she said.

The purpose of the county's draft official plan, similar to any municipal official plan, is to provide a comprehensive framework for the guidance of future land use and physical development in the county.

DARREN LUM/ECHO



Christmas greetings

MPP Chris Hodgson, right, speaks with Pat Kennedy, Bob English and David Bishop during his annual Christmas open house at the Bonnie View Inn on Saturday, Dec. 7. Hodgson's family, including wife Marie, were at the event, but his two sons were absent due to hockey.

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Peace show spreads the word about bullying

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The lights come on illuminating a boy happily playing on a playground. But then a bully comes on stage, wiping the boy's smile off his face by stealing his hat and then taunting him as it gets thrown about. The lines come spontaneously out of the actors – they have witnessed this kind of thing far too many times to need a script.

The scene is part of a rehearsal for a "travelling peace show," the brain child of Lesley English, coordinator for the Peaceful Schools Program, a partnership between the YWCA of Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton, and the Trillium Lakelands District School Board. The actors are Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students, volunteers who have agreed to work with English to create a series of skits about bullying.

Four different skits will be presented as part of the show which will resemble an old fashioned travelling medicine show. The medicine they are promoting is anti-bullying juice. The show is being targeted at elementary school students and they hope to be presenting it in the new year.

English has an extensive dramatic arts background and is enjoying sharing that talent with the high school students.



SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo

Mallory Bishop takes on the stance of an unap-proving teacher while Lesley Cox takes a swing at Duncan Scott, who is cheered on to fight back by Gillian Ottley and Alicia Bronson during a rehearsal of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students' travelling play about the pressures of bullying.

English thinks the show will be successful because the elementary school kids will be able to relate to these older students better than to an adult.

"I wanted it to be improvisationally based because it comes across as more real and speaking for themselves, they sometimes come up with the most perfect line," says English.

English recruited her cast of approximately 10 students from drama classes at HHSS so they range in age from Grade 9 to OAC. English jokes there is not a bullying bone in the lot of them but they certainly know first hand how it feels to be in those situations and the impact it can have on your life.

Mallory Bishop, the student director, says when they were in elementary school there were a lot of presentations

and programs around drugs and drink-ing but nothing really about bullying. She says it is an important issue and thinks the kids will get a lot out of seeing the show.

Gillian Ottley, cast member, says bullying is more obvious at the younger ages and more prevalent but some kids, if not stopped at a young age, become even meaner by the time they hit high school.

"When you're young the bullying's about dumb things, like taking a kid's hat. But some bullies when they grow physically stronger take it to a different level," says Ottley.

English says surveys of high school students indicate teenage bullying manifests itself as physical violence, gang involvement or sexual aggression.

The cast members believe in the impor-

tance of the project and are also excited about being able to count their involvement as part of their mandatory 40 hours of volunteer work. English says they are really earning their hours because she treats them as an independent theatre company so they have had to find rehearsal space, props, costumes and are working out the logistics of the show.

"The kids are terrific. I'm really impressed by how willingly they shoulder the responsibility," says English.

The show will premier at the HHSS Northern Lights Pavilion on Dec. 16 at 4 p.m., free admission and the public is welcome. English says this is their way of giving teachers and school administrators a chance to see it so they can start booking elementary school performances.

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To gauge public support, surveys were distributed in both the Wilberforce and Cardiff areas.

When asked "would you send your children to a new school facility (JK to Grade 8) with more diverse programming and staff", the responses were as follows:

Wilberforce: 27 said yes, one said maybe and one said "do I have a choice?"

Cardiff: 23 said yes, two said no, and four didn't respond (perhaps because they didn't have children in the school system).

At a special committee meeting on Tuesday night at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, the director of education, David Hill, was disappointed there were so few responses.

Others felt that the response rate was on par with most surveys.

Jan Guyton, who is president of the Wilberforce School Council, said "every-one I talked to was in support of a new school, but when I asked them if they had filled out the survey, some of them said 'oh no, the board's probably got its mind made up so why bother?'"

Trustee Val Smith, who lives in Harcourt, says "it was talked up fairly well in Wilberforce. Some of the parents

felt very strongly about the survey being filled out."

"Realistically it's fairly overwhelming support based on the responses that are there," said Jim Bradley, a superintendent of education.

Hill conceded the point. "We have a fairly significant mandate indicating they'd be in favour of us lobbying the government [for a new school]."

As part of the process of applying for a new school, the board invited Ministry of Education inspectors to the Wilberforce School. On a recent snowy day, the inspectors climbed onto the roof, crawled under the building and checked out every nook and cranny of the school. It will be their report that says whether the province could add on to that building.

There was some discussion about where a new school would be located.

Wilberforce principal Birdie Murphy said many parents at her school felt Wilberforce was central. Some were concerned about safety issues if the school was "in the middle of nowhere."

Harcourt was suggested but that would be far from Gooderham if the board wants to attract Gooderham students. Likewise, parents in Cardiff probably would choose to send their children to Bancroft if their other option was a school in Tory Hill. Another suggestion was on Hwy. 121 near County Road 648.

Bradley has been asked to begin scouting out possible building sites. At present, that would be a board expense, but if the project is approved, the cost could be rolled into the construction costs.

The board will not take on more costly projects, such as hydrogeological surveys, until the project is approved.

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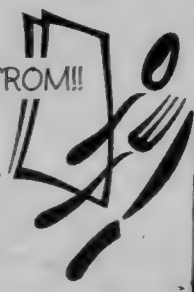
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Editor

When the national media comes knocking on Steve Galea's door to interview Canada's hottest new author, he might want to change his slippers before he lets them in.

After all, how can you take a man who's wearing a humungous pair of yak heads on his feet seriously?

Ah, but that's the point. You're not supposed to take Steve Galea seriously.

The Echo's humour columnist is the newly-published author of *My Outdoors: Humour from the field and stream*. It's a collection of some of his best humour pieces, most of which were first published on the back page of *Ontario Out of Doors* magazine, but some conceived for *The Echo's* Not So Great Outdoorsman column. And what a baby he's delivered.

Weighing in at half a pound (about the weight of most fish he catches), the collection of 48 stories takes an irreverent

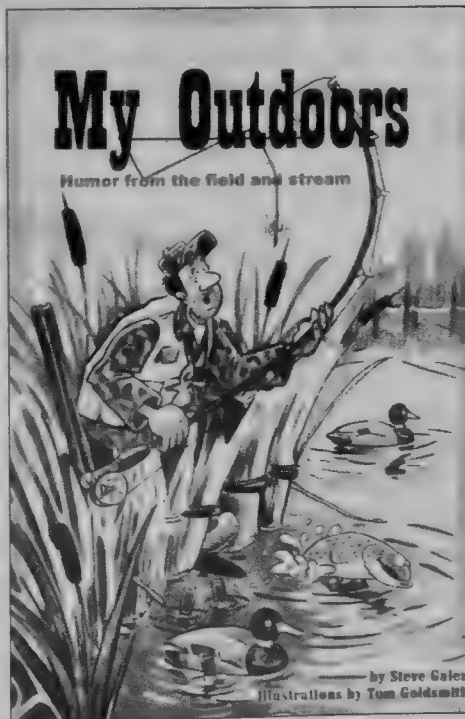
look at life in the outdoors, primarily from the perspective of that breed of humans who like to hunt and fish.

His favourite is *When Pigs Fly* in which he explains how he got the nickname of Pumpkin, thus doing him out of a career in professional wrestling. (Outdoors humour fans will be forever grateful, particularly since it also means they'll never have to see him in a form-fitting body suit.) The story's got something to do with duck hunting with pumpkin-eating pigs and an angry farmer with a shotgun.

Another favourite, *Romance and the Outdoorsman*, was first published in *The Echo* and shortlisted for a National Magazine Award for humour (after it appeared in his regular slot at *Ontario Out of Doors*.)

But even if you're an avid fan of his columns in both *The Echo* and *Out of Doors*, you'll still feel like you're reading the book for the first time.

"Basically I re-wrote the columns the



way I wanted them to be written in the first place. When you're writing for a magazine at 600 words, things get left out," he says in an interview at his home atop Vinegar Hill.

Galea was approached to do the book by his Alberta-based publisher, Johnson Gorman, after he wrote a chapter for its Canadian fly-fishing compendium. He made the pitch for a collection of his humour pieces and Johnson Gorman decided to take a swing at it. He was given the winter to do the re-writes and his best friend, Tom Goldsmith, who illustrates his *Ontario Out of Doors* column (called *My Outdoors*, hence the title of the book), polished up the illustrations.

The book is being distributed by Raincoast Books, which also has Harry Potter on its list of titles. (When Galea says he'll be rubbing shoulders with Harry, he's right; they're both about the same height.)

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Good things come in small packages this Christmas

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Speaking of Galea's height, when he received his first copy of the book a few weeks ago, he puffed up with pride. "I felt really tall," he says. "I felt almost 5'5."

As the previous quote indicates, Galea gets much of the inspiration for his columns from himself. Poking fun at himself. (In that way he's a very big target.) However, that doesn't let other people off the hook.

"I'll make fun of my wife but I'll make fun of myself a whole lot more," he says. "But I would never try to do anything malicious. I don't believe in hurting anyone to get a laugh."

Galea has been making people laugh since he was a kid who was addicted to *Mad Magazine* (and the Adrienne Barbeau poster he hung over his bed, much to his mother's immortal shame. Unfortunately, she didn't pass on the shame gene to her son.)

"My friends and I were goofy," he says. "I was the class clown but I got away with it. In Grade 8 we had a speech contest. I won but the fun part was that I had about 20 nuns on the ground laughing. I guess it appealed to some dark, Catholic fantasy."

Ah yes, a humourist has to be willing to take chances. Galea says "Humour has to be on the edge, too. It has to be kind of shocking to do it right."

Good humour isn't only having a good punchline or comeback. (Galea would, however, prefer you use more fancy words to describe his work: "That was a brilliant double entendre, Steve" or "Touché - your wit is sharp as Zorro's sword" or "You are a genius with words, oh master of the one-liners." In making up these compliments, we are of course



Hey, if Steve Galea looks this good on a deer skin rug, imagine what an excellent writer he is! You can find out on Friday when he'll be at *The Echo* office to sign copies of his new book of outdoors humour.

living up to Galea's dictum that "good humour is saying things that people already know.")

But enough of this writer talking about Steve. Let's let Steve talk about Steve.

His move to the Highlands came at a time when he decided to take his career as a humour writer seriously.

In his previous life, Galea was a house-keeping supervisor at the Hospital for Sick Children and Carol Lee was his boss. Lee grew up at what is now Haliburton Forest but her parents, Carmen and Delores, now have a farm at the base of Vinegar Hill on the Essonville Line.

The two didn't hook up romantically, however, until after Galea had moved on to Oshawa General Hospital and his first marriage dissolved, leaving him with custody of his two oldest children children, Jennifer and Ryan. Around the same time, Lee was "downsized" from Sick Kids and a chance meeting brought them back together. Instead of crying on each other's shoulders they decided to make a new go at life and move to the Highlands.

Galea, who had always dabbled in humour writing, knew that if he was ever going to make it as a humour writer, he had to give himself the time to write. That meant he would no longer try to fit writing around a full-time job. Of

course, the benefit of a full-time job is that it comes with a regular paycheck, a commodity few and far between for a humour writer. Giving up that paycheck was one of the most courageous things he's ever done (apart from telling Lee he wants to go hunting when she needs him to do a few chores around the house.)

They did gain some measure of financial stability when Galea was appointed as news editor at *Ontario Out of Doors* magazine, necessitating a couple of trips to the city each month. He's since been "downsized" from that job but recently became the production assistant for the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters' television show. Imagine getting paid to drive around in a big boat!

It also helps that Lee is phenomenally adept at living off the land. She gardens, she preserves, she churns butter from cream from her parents' cows, she sews clothes and she cooks a mean venison pot roast. The only thing she doesn't do is brag about it on her own tv show. (Although now that Martha Stewart's in a bit of a hot pot herself, maybe the networks will be looking for a new domestic goddess...)

Almost three years ago, life became complete with the arrival of baby Carmen.

Now, some readers of Galea's Tales

From Vinegar Hill column in *The Echo* might think they had Carmen so Galea would have something to write about in his column, but rest assured, they love Carmen just for being her own little ball of energy. Galea's just lucky she's not old enough to tell him she doesn't want all of her friends to be reading about her in the newspaper.

Galea's gamble of foregoing all proof of maturity by becoming a freelance humour writer does seem to be paying off. He's sold pieces to magazines such as *Today's Parent* and *Ducks Unlimited*, not to mention his regular stint at *The Echo* and *The Minden Times*. The National Magazine Award didn't hurt either.

What he likes most about his new book is its size, because no matter what he says, size does matter to this 5'3" writer. He knows that if the books don't sell, he can pile them up and use them to reach the tin of cookies on the top kitchen shelf. (Lee, by the way, is about 5'9", hence her ability to keep things out of his reach.)

But sell the books will. If you want your chance to get *My Outdoors* signed by the author, please drop by *The Echo* office this Friday between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. or *The Minden Times* on Saturday during the same hours. Come and find out that good things come in small packages this Christmas.

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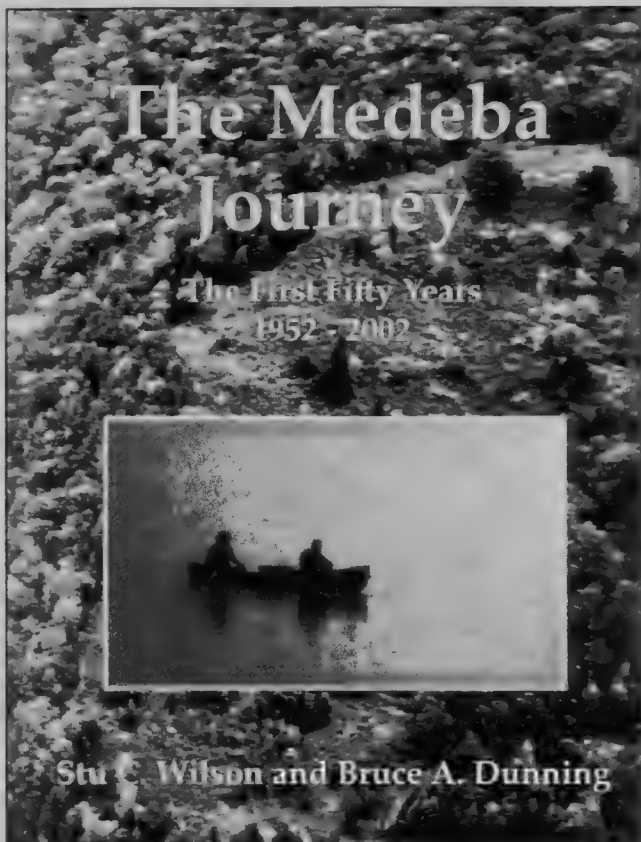
SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

A new book called *The Medeba Journey* has been released as part of the celebration of 50 years of operation of the non-profit Christian camp in West Guilford.

Stu and Jackie Wilson moved to a farm on Grass Lake in 1952 with the intention of creating a camping and outdoor ministry there. They chose the name Medeba because it is mentioned five times in the Bible as a place on the north-east corner of the Dead Sea and means waters of quietness. The Bible says the people of Medeba were faced with life-impacting decisions and as co-authors Stu Wilson and Bruce Dunning write in the book, Medeba has had an impact on many lives.

Wilson and his successor Dunning are the only two directors the camp has ever had and decided to jointly write its history including many personal submitted stories from campers.



There is also to the delight of many an index containing the names of all of the summer campers and staff over the years.

"Usually it's the first thing someone does is flip through the list. People tend to think they were here earlier than they actually were," says Dunning.

He explained that writing the book was a two-year process and they received over a 100 testimonies. Dunning says the book is a light, easy read loaded with photographs. He jokes about his new found appreciation for writers and admits to underestimating the challenge of proofreading but feels they accomplished what they set out to do.

"We wanted to make sure the founding vision wasn't lost. Whenever I want to be encouraged, I just glance through this book," says Dunning.

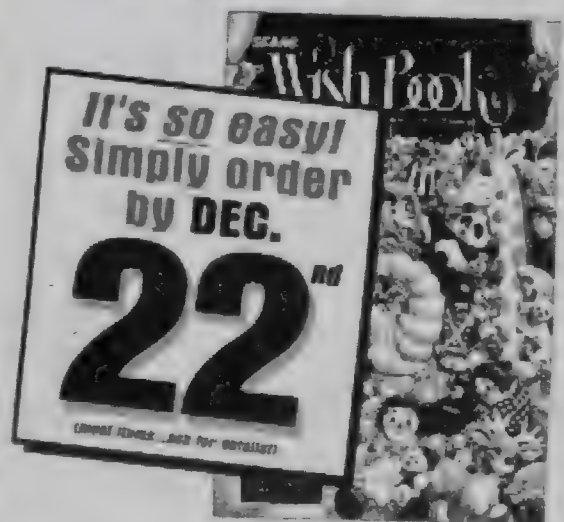
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Special to the Echo

The Royal Canadian legion, Branch 129, Haliburton, would like to thank all the students who participated in this year's Remembrance Day literary and Poster contests. You should be very proud that you took the time and effort to remember and honour those who made such great sacrifices to ensure our rights and freedoms and make Canada a better place in which to live. This year our number of entrants was down a little. However, we had 180 entries altogether.

I would like to thank all the Teachers, the school Administration, and the Parents who encouraged these students to make the effort. your interest and continued support is much needed and appreciated!!

Also, I wish to recognize and commend this year's judges who were Bonnie Walling, Glen Scully, Jim Stewart, Shirley Jean Baker, Bernice Elstone and Eric Thompson. Some difficult decisions had to be made especially when judging the Poems and Posters. Many could have been selected to go on to the next level.

Listed below are the winners of each contest. All First Place Winners will move on to compete with other entries within our Zone.

Poetry Contest:

- Senior Category (Grades 10 O.A.C.), 1st - Amber Wright
- Intermediate Category (Grades 7, 8 and 9), 1st - Bethany Snelgrove, 2nd - Porsche Bagg, and 3rd - Leanna Pearsell.

Honourable mention goes to Kimberly Gale and Brandon van Nood

- Junior Category (Grades 4, 5 and 6), 1st - Paige Carey, 2nd - Allison Hutchings, and 3rd - Katie Gallagher

Honourable mention goes to Tiffany van Lieshout.

- Primary Category (Grades 1, 2 and 3), 1st - Jennell Bilodeau, 2nd - Madison Barton, and 3rd - Tessa Iles.

Poster Contest - Colour

• Senior Category (Grades 10 - O.A.C.), There were no entries in this category this year.

• Intermediate Category (Grades 7, 8 and 9), 1st - Nicole Watson, 2nd - Derek Wilson, and 3rd - Bronwen Rolfe.

• Junior Category (Grades 4, 5 and 6), 1st - Christine Lauricella, 2nd - Leah Thomas, and 3rd - Arian Boots and Daniel Wright (tie).

Honourable mention goes to Amber Jones, Nicole Mazara and Tiffany van Lieshout.

• Primary Category (Grades 1, 2 and 3), 1st - Madison Barton, 2nd - Kate Denniston, and 3rd - Ronald Nichols.

L.I.F.T. group produces many Christmas toys for 4C's toydrive

LYN UNSWORTH

Special to the Echo

Joy to the World was the theme of L.I.F.T.'s Christmas meeting on Thursday, December 5th at the West Guilford Recreation centre where 85 women attended and brought loads of toys for the 4Cs. Mae Cooper and her team provided delicious Christmas baking and Carols were sung led by Toos Reid, Rose Barry and Juliane VanLieshout.

Shelly van Nood displayed the exquisite stained glass angels and porcelain dolls that she makes, and said that this was a wonderful way to relieve the stress of her job, as a dental hygienist. Darlene McConnell, of Lady Esther Esthetics, donated several gifts that were given away.

Special speaker, Toss Reid from Carnarvon, sang and spoke about her walk of faith. Born in Holland, the sixth

of nine children, she was named Catrina. "Toos" (pronounced "Toast" without the 'T') is an abbreviation of her name. Her family settled in Beauport, Quebec in 1957, and later moved to Oakville. Toos was raised in a 'church-going' family, and developed her awareness of God when she was about nine years old.

A keniesiology graduate of Waterloo University, Reid met her husband, Ron, while on a work term at Trent University and they married in 1973. As a biologist, her husband's work took him to a bush camp in Manitoba for six months. With no churches in the area, Toos had to find God in the beauty of nature but she knew something was missing. In 1976, the couple moved to Carnarvon, and their first child was born. Tragedy struck their lives with the death of Ron's parents, and then a fire in December 1978 completely destroyed their home. Friends and rela-

tives helped to put their lives back together and their house was rebuilt.

Looking back, Toos could see how God was leading. Through the Cursillo movement, which started in Spain, both she and her husband experienced a new relationship with Jesus Christ. Husbands have to take the course first. He returned to announce to his wife that she was a 'mechanical Catholic'. After experiencing a Cursillo weekend herself, she discovered life in a new way. "I went from pathetic to empathetic", says Reid. Becoming involved in Bible study, she learned that God was in her life even though she didn't realize it.

Now a mother of three, Toos felt God calling her to a teaching career. After graduating from Teacher's College, Toos was hired by the Haliburton School Board where she taught at Victoria School. She became so busy as a wife, mother, teacher and with her music ministry that God began to take a backseat again in her life, but after spending a family spiritual weekend, she realized that God was calling her to make a difference in the lives of children. At Christmas and Easter she was able to tell children about Jesus as an historical figure. Without prayer in the schools, she took the opportunity to talk about God after the children sang "O Canada, God keep our land". She closed by singing "heirlooms" and challenged all of us to be bold for God and to share our faith at every opportunity.

L.I.F.T. will meet again February 2003 when Donna Wright will present "Pampering Your Pet", and June Devolin will be the special speaker.

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Right: The emperor and his counsel perform the ribbon dance.

Below: A dancer performs.



Razzamataz begins another series of children shows

Razzamataz kicked off their season with The Nightingale at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Dec. 1. There were 150 people who attended the play performed by the Little Red Theatre group from Toronto. The next Razzamataz event will be Jack Grunsky at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Jan. 12. Grunsky is a musical performer who uses a variety of instruments with different histories. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. For more information call 457-3414.



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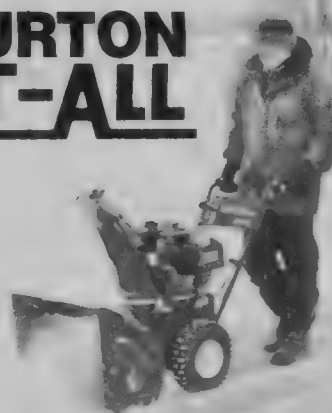


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PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: HICKS ET AL
Lots 8 & 9 Concession 2, Boshkung Lake
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has by resolution declared parts of an original shore road allowance lying in front of Lots 8 & 9 Concession 2, Boshkung Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) those parts of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lots 8 & 9 Concession 2, Stanhope Township described as follows:

FIRSTLY: All and Singular those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope in the County of Haliburton and being composed of parts of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lots 8 & 9 Concession 2, Boshkung Lake, more particularly described as Parts 1, 2 & 3 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-7403.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, North Shore Road, on the 16th day of January, 2003 at the hour of 11:00 a.m., and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

Dates: November 25, 2002

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The ideal candidate will have a thorough knowledge of legislation and regulations applicable to Municipal finance, with a minimum of five (5) years of related experience, significant computer experience and skills, a thorough understanding of accounting principles and practices, preferably through a post secondary program and possess strong communication skills.

Planning Department – Administrative Assistant:

Reporting to the Municipal Planner, the successful applicant will provide administrative and clerical support to the Municipal operations, primarily within the Planning Department.

The ideal candidate will have a thorough knowledge of Microsoft Office software. He or she must be able to prepare professional reports and other documents using Word, Excel and Access programs. The ability to read maps and work in a GIS environment is an asset. A minimum of two (2) years experience in an Administrative Assistant position, preferably with Municipal Planning, is required for this position.

Detailed position descriptions are available upon request.

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Qualified candidates are encouraged to submit a detailed resume to the undersigned by noon on Monday, December 16, 2002:

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Attention: Tammy McKelvey, A.M.C.T., CAO/Clerk
Or E-mail tmckelvey@county.haliburton.on.ca

We thank all applicants who apply but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information is collected under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW 77-32 MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- DATE: Monday, January 6th, 2003.
- TIME: 5:00 pm.
- LOCATION: Council Chambers,
Municipal Office,
Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Melrose
 - Purpose and Effect: to recognize the intended seasonal residential use of the property and to recognize an area of flooded land.
 - Zone change from "RU" to "SR" and "OS".
 - Location: Part Lot 10, Concession 1, Dysart Township.
 - Koshlong Lake Road, Koshlong Lake.
 - This application is a condition of Application for Consent H-93/ 2002.

• IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY that files an appeal of a decision of the Municipality of Dysart in respect of the proposed zoning by-law does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

• FURTHER INFORMATION: including the draft by-law and site plan map is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

DATED this 10th day of December, 2002.

Patricia Martin,
Township Planner

PUBLIC HEALTH DIETITIAN

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We would like to thank all applicants in advance and advise that only those Selected for an interview will be contacted. All information is collected solely for the purpose of job selection under the provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Chamber notes:

New board ready to get to work

President's Note

After a hectic time leading up to the Annual General Meeting, the staff is getting back into their routines. On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to again thank the staff for all their hard work in pulling the AGM together.

A big thanks goes to YMCA Wanakita for a great meal and venue. For those of you unable to attend this year, a great time was had by all, so please plan on attending next year. Before then though, we will host our 2nd annual "Spring into Summer", so watch upcoming editions of this newsletter and local papers for more details.

I would like to introduce the new Board of Directors for 2002/2003. Jim Henwood, Henwood's Variety (President); Scott de Savoye, Delta Pinestone (Vice President); Bob Hall, Certified Management Accountant (secretary/Treasurer); Diana Ferguson, Gloucester Organization; Mark Coles, First Page SEO; Jim Miners, Haliburton Water Sports; Eric Christensen, Buttermilk Falls Resort; Graham Beeby,

Beeby Management Resources; Marianne Howard, Gigabytes and DVDs; Bill Young, Wigamog Inn; Don Shortreed, County Council Rep. We welcome each and look forward to working together these next two years.

As always if you have any questions, concerns, ideas, please call us, fax us, e-mail us, but most importantly TALK TO US. We are YOUR Chamber of Commerce.

Jim Henwood, President

AGM wrap up

By all reports this year's AGM at YMCA Wanakita was a tremendous success and we thank everyone who attended for being part of it. There were 136 for dinner and a dozen or so folks who attended the meeting but not the dinner.

Overall, the venue, price and menu were very well received. One person enjoyed himself so much he even went so far as to ask how we planned to top it for next year (suggestions welcome).

Heather received an impressive 51% response from the comment cards left the



Franka Andriano, second from left, will host the next Business After Hours at her new place, Whispering Pine B&B Retreat on Pine Street in Haliburton. She also operates a catering service known as Franka's Delectables, and teaches cooking classes, as shown above.

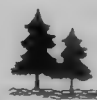
tables and we will base next year's planning on some of those results. We have reviewed the event and the comment cards, making note of a couple of areas where changes are needed for next year. Thank you to everyone who offered suggestions and ideas.

So long, Farewell, auf wieder-shen

The AGM saw the ratification of the Board of Directors for the upcoming term but in welcoming a couple of new faces

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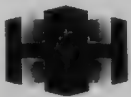
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Chamber news and views

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we had to say goodbye to two familiar ones: Peggy Cassils from Cartier Partners Financial Group and Gail Leach-Wunker from Miners' Bay Lodge, both of whom have stepped down from the Board after 5 and 3 years respectively.

Peggy has been instrumental in chairing the Membership Committee and Gail has been a voice of reason on both the Marketing Committee and the Personnel Committee. Both have served as Executive members of the Board. We say a heartfelt thanks to them both for their commitment and dedication to this organization. Their input has been tremendous and we will miss them.

Membership count

When Bob Stinson was the Chamber manager in the '80s, his secretary was Elaine Blakey. Elaine approached me at the Great Canadian Marble Show to let

me know that our recent boasting about record-breaking membership is a little premature. During that time, the Chamber membership reached a true record: 375. So thanks, Elaine, for setting us straight. We now have a new goal to reach!

Christmas humbug bah

Our next Business After Hours is Wednesday, December 11th. It's being held by Franka Andriano at her new place, Whispering Pine B&B Retreat on Pine Street in Haliburton.

Join us for a fun and casual seasonal celebration with refreshments by Franka's Delectables, featuring Chicken Satay, Sweet and Sour Meatballs, Antipasto, Baked Brie, Cranberry Crostini, Goat Cheese and Red Pepper Dip and followed by a selection of Decadent Desserts.

Space is limited so an RSVP is required. The list has already begun, so call Heather at 286-1760 today.



DARREN LUM/ECHO

Spa BAH:

Make that the 'Spa Business After Hours'. Every month the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce holds a Business After Hours at a member's establishment to attract potential members to the chamber membership and to have members discuss future business ideas for the community. The BAH was hosted by the Pump House owner, Jane Woodward and office administrator Andrea Donaldson.

Links 'n' logos

If you have a website, please ensure you add links from your site to both the county website (www.county.haliburton.on.ca) and the Chamber site (www.haliburtonhighlandschamber.on.ca). The more links to and from both of these sites, the better we place in search engines, and the easier it will be for people to find the Haliburton Highlands - and your business!

Also, please remember that the county logo is available for anyone to use on promotional materials and brochures. The idea behind 'image branding' is to make people automatically think of our region when they see our logo. The logo is available as a .jpg file in black and white, greyscale or colour. Just call and we'll send one along.

Show reports

SNOWMOBILE SHOW: This show continues to be a terrific venue for our region. It is definitely a targeted show where attendees tend to know exactly what they're looking for, rather than just wandering around for an afternoon. Thanks to the folks who sent along their brochures.

WOMEN'S SHOW: The women's show was a first and it's no secret there was some reluctance about our attendance. The show was chosen as part of a new

marketing direction that reflects the reality of consumer shows: targeting specific niche markets with appropriate partners. The dynamic of consumer shows has changed in the last several years, creating specific shows for specific audiences. So instead of the going to the 'traditional big shows', taking every brochure we have and hoping for a response (the splatter technique), it simply makes more sense to take a moment to think about our demographics and go to the shows that fit (the target technique). We would like to see the county represented at other targeted shows like seniors' shows and golf shows, but that's down the road a bit just yet.

MARBLE SHOW: The Great Canadian Marble Show was fascinating. About the topic of marbles, we keep saying, "Who knew?" and it's true. The logo marbles were very well received, with many folks coming straight to the Chamber booth to buy their collector set. The logo marbles are available at the Information Centre and make a unique Christmas gift. Remember, they're limited in quantity and will never be produced again.

Workshop postponed

Due to last-minute scheduling conflicts, our workshop on Working with the Travel Trade has been postponed and will be re-scheduled for the spring.



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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE THE SHORELINE ROAD ALLOWANCE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE: Monday January 13th, 2003
TIME: any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are parts of original shoreline road allowances, located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

- Applicant:** Harcourt Park (Lease: McEnaney)
Location:
 - Allen Lake.
 - In front of Lot 3, Concession 7, Township of Harcourt.
 - Defined as Part 1 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson, OLS, and dated March 30th, 2002, available for review in the Planning Department.
- Applicant:** Stewart
Location:
 - Haliburton Lake.
 - In front of Lot 13, Concession 3, Township of Harburn.
 - Dignan Drive.
 - Defined as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey prepared by H. Curry Bishop, OLS and dated September 19th, 2002, available for review in the Planning Department.
- Applicant:** Williams
Location:
 - Grass Lake.
 - In front of Lot 10, Concession 8, Township of Dysart.
 - Peninsula Drive.
 - Defined as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey prepared by T. A. Bunker, OLS and dated September 2nd, 2002, available for review in the Planning Department.
- Applicant:** Spittle
Location:
 - Redstone Lake.
 - In front of Lot 28, Concession 10, Township of Guilford.
 - Defined as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey prepared by Paul Wilson, OLS and dated August 5th, 2002, available for review in the Planning Department.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portions of shoreline road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 21st day of November, 2002.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Township Planner

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve Ltd.



Office Assistant

This is a challenging full time opportunity to contribute to the future of Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve Ltd. You will apply your expertise in office management in a team environment to provide our clients with quick efficient service. The incumbent would assist in all administrative aspects of Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve Ltd. including financial and operational reporting. Additional duties such as light cleaning and maintenance around base camp would be expected.

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Both positions will require energetic individuals that are ready to work in a dynamic atmosphere. A valid Ontario Class "G" drivers licence and current first aid and CPR are required. Relevant educational credentials are a definite asset for both positions.

Only those to be interviewed will be contacted. Competition will close on December 20, 2002. Thank you for your interest in Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve Ltd.

Send cover letter and resume to: Quoting - Office Assistant or Kennel Coordinator
c/o: Leonard Munt
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A special Wilberforce citizen honoured

Family and friends gather to wish Janet Barker special birthday good wishes

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark
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It may have been wintry outside Martinwood Resort last Saturday night but inside a warm surprise awaited Janet Barker as she arrived for a small, quiet birthday dinner. Now, a 50th birthday is hard to keep secret in Wilberforce, especially when so many family members and friends want to help celebrate it. A very surprised Janet discovered that dozens were already in Bolger's dining room ready to join her for this special birthday. The Barker/Barnes/McCarthy families and her many friends were delighted to let Janet know how much they love and appreciate her. They came from the Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, Oshawa, Peterborough and Lindsay, as well as from this area, just for her party.

Janet in her gentle, unassuming manner has always "been there" for many people in many ways. A cheerful smile, a warm hug, a sincere, uplifting comment – those are her special ways. Even while operating her bake shop, producing tons of the very best fruitcake, this astute business woman always has time for her family and her friends. At this party they had time for her.

After a fine meal there was pleasant mingling, and a little friendly "ribbing" replaced a promised roasting. Lots of best wishes were expressed. The birthday cake was delicious – and Janet did not have to bake it. It was a great party for a great person. Many happy returns Janet.

The Community Christmas Carol Service is this Sunday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. It's at the Wilberforce

United Church and hosted this year by St. Margarets. The Gentlemen of Song will be there. The Community Choir is under the direction of Elsie Lewis. Do plan to attend and enjoy the Christmas Story and sing your favourite Carols. Stay for refreshments.

The Carol Service at the Historic Essonville Church is on Sunday, December 22.

Santa Claus comes to Wilberforce at 1:00 p.m. Sunday December 15. We hear he will be riding on the fire truck and accompanied by a parade of floats. Children will get a chance to speak to him at the Lloyd Watson Centre and get some treats. Should be fun. Check with Lynn

Waugh about the parade.

Congratulations to the Pathfinders and their leaders for organizing the Christmas Craft Sale last Saturday. They worked very well as hosts. We hope all the vendors had a successful day.

Christmas Open House at the Outpost Museum is this Thursday, December 12, 2002. Join Heritage Guild Members for refreshments and a visit in our historic house all spruced up with Christmas boughs, bows and tree. It will be open 1 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. The Pathfinders and Girl Guides will join in the Christmas fun during the evening.

MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST MUNICIPAL PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT PROGRAM YEAR 2001 REPORT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES
OPERATING COST - ADMINISTRATION
Percentage – 14.11%
Explanation: The cost of local government/central administration as a percentage of the total municipal operating cost.
Objective: Efficient administration supporting local services.

FIRE SERVICES
FIRE PROTECTION COSTS
\$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessment
Explanation: The operating costs per thousand dollars of assessment for fire services includes firefighter, fire halls, emergency responses, equipment and administration.
Objective: Efficient municipal fire services.

POLICE SERVICES
POLICE SERVICES COST
\$117.87 per household
Explanation: The operating costs per household for police services. Operating costs include the police force, administration, facilities, communication systems, police boards, prisoner conveyance, equipment and other police protection expenditures.
Objective: Efficient municipal police services.

TOTAL CRIME RATE
92.41 crimes per 1,000 persons
Explanation: The total crime rate per 1,000 persons (Criminal Code, excluding traffic).
Objective: To provide a safe community

ROAD SERVICES
OPERATING COSTS FOR PAVED ROADS
\$257.70 per paved lane kilometre
Explanation: Operating costs for paved (hard top) roads per lane kilometre.
Objective: To ensure efficient maintenance of paved roads.

ROAD SERVICES (CONTINUED)
OPERATING COSTS FOR UNPAVED ROADS
\$1,394.72 per unpaved lane kilometre
Explanation: Operating costs for unpaved (loose top) roads per lane kilometre

OPERATING COSTS FOR WINTER CONTROL
\$347.49 per lane kilometre
Explanation: The operating costs per lane kilometer associated with winter road maintenance (e.g. snowplowing, salting, snow removal).
Objective: Efficient winter road maintenance services.

WINTER EVENT RESPONSES
Percentage – 100%
Explanation: The percentage of winter road control activities (snowplowing, road salting, etc.) in response to a weather condition (snowfall, sleet, freezing rain, etc.) that met or exceeded municipal standards.
Objective: To provide an appropriate winter storm event response to ensure that any inconvenience and disruption in transportation caused by the storm is minimized.

WASTEWATER
OPERATING COSTS FOR COLLECTION, TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL
\$166.45 per megalitre
Explanation: Operating costs for collection, treatment and disposal of wastewater per megalitre.
Objective: Efficient wastewater services.

WATER SERVICES
OPERATING COSTS FOR TREATMENT AND DISTRIBUTION
\$704.07 per megalitre
Explanation: The operating costs for the treatment and distribution of water per megalitre.
A megalitre equals, 1,000,000 litres.
Objective: Efficient production and distribution of water.

BREAKS IN WATER MAINS
0.0 breaks in water mains
Explanation: Reflects the number of breaks in water mains per 100 kilometres of water main pipe in the year.
Objective: To improve system reliability and minimize water loss and operational costs.

BOIL WATER ADVISORIES
185 days a year
Explanation: Represents the weighted number of days when a boil water advisory issued by the Medical Officer of Health, applicable to a municipal water supply, was in effect.
Objective: To ensure that municipal water is safe and meets local needs.

LAND USE PLANNING
GROWTH AND SETTLEMENT PATTERN
80.0% of new development
Effectiveness Measure: Percentage of new development with final approval which is located within settlement areas.
Objective: New lot creation is occurring in settlement areas.

SOLID WASTE (GARBAGE) SERVICES
OPERATING COSTS FOR DISPOSAL
\$87.60 per household
Explanation: The net cost per household for waste disposal (not including revenues).
Objective: Efficient disposal services.

FACILITY COMPLIANCE
Total number of days per year when a Ministry of Environment compliance order was in effect.
Year 2001 – 0 days
Explanation: The number of days per year when a Ministry of Environment compliance order for remediation concerning an air or groundwater standard was in effect for a solid waste management facility.
Objective: To ensure that municipal solid waste services do not have an adverse affect on the environment.

NUMBER OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SITES
5 sites
Explanation: The total number of solid waste management sites owned by the municipality.
Objective: Effective management of solid waste.

COMPLAINTS FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION
0.0 complaints per 1,000 households
Explanation: The number of complaints received in a year concerning the collection of solid waste and recycled materials per 1,000 households.
Objective: Effective waste management services.

Municipality of Highlands East

NOTICE

(Applicant – CARRUTHERS)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE ORIGINAL SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE AND ROAD ALLOWANCE ALONG THE SHORE OF KOSHLONG LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter M45, Section 297 and Section 300 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Township Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Wilberforce, Ontario on Tuesday, the 14th day of January 2003, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

FIRSTLY: Part of Lot 12, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, designated as Road Allowance on Crown Land Surveys attached to Inst. 1223 and 1551, shown as Part 2 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated July 25, 2001 and;

SECONDLY: part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 12, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 3 and 4 (Part 4 being the flooded portion, will be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East) on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated July 25, 2001.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 19th day of November, 2002.

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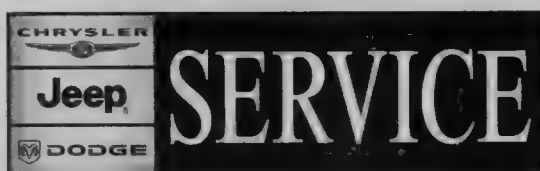
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Highlands Summer Festival announces playbill

Season passes offered at a special price until January 15, just in time for Christmas gift-giving

Once again the Highlands Summer Festival is ready to help you with your holiday gift giving. The 2003 season is set and preparations are well underway to make next summer a fun-filled and entertaining live theatre season.

Here's what we have planned for the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion stage for 2003:

• The popular classical music concert is back with familiar performers Lauren McInnes, Melissa Stephens and Tom Regina. Written by Kerry Riley ARTS 9-1-1, follows the adventures of three eccentric muses. Got a dramatic dilemma? Aesthetics run amok? Coming up a little short in the inspiration department? Who ya gonna call? ARTS 9-1-1 of course! Join our thoroughly modern

of a "Moment Musicale" in small town Ontario.

• A "tasteful" comedy, *Cookin' with Gus*, by Jim Brochu, is the side-splitting story of renowned cook, Gussie Richardson, her live-in partner and part-time hypnotist, Walter, her quirky, high-powered agent, Bernie, and Carmen, a semi-authentic, gypsy princess from the apartment next door. It's a dream come true when Gussie lands her very own television show. But there's a problem ... Gus discovers she's deathly afraid of the television camera. Her kooky counterparts offer a variety of trances and incantations to help her try to overcome her fear. The result: *Cookin' with Gus* is sheer hilarity.

• The *Mumberly Inheritance* by

swindle the lord of the manor and his beautiful, innocent, daughter out of their family inheritance. The dashing hero, though somewhat slow to realize the impending peril, finally rises to the challenge, and with the encouragement of the audience, vanquishes the villain, saves the day and *The Mumberly Inheritance*.

• Author Tina Howe paints a portrait of the complex relationship between aging parents and their artist daughter in the poignant *Painting Churches*. Margaret Church, on the brink of a prestigious New York gallery show, comes home to Boston to help her parent move from their Beacon Hill home to their Cape Code cottage. But she has her own agenda, and wants to paint their portrait to include in her show. Margaret discov-

It is an entertaining line-up of productions that I think will appeal to everyone. Again this year we are back in the Northern Lights Performing arts Pavilion at the high school in Haliburton, an intimate theatre with excellent acoustics and sight-lines.

The festival is again offering season passes at greatly reduced prices. In fact, if you purchase your season pass now for only \$55 plus GST (\$58.85), it is just like getting one show for free. This special price will only be available until January 15, 2003. Single performance tickets are \$18. A season pass would make a great Christmas gift for a friend, family member or yourself.

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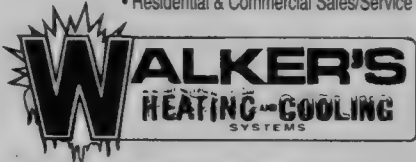
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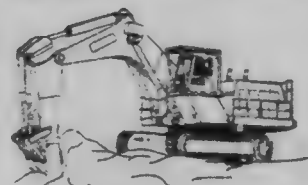
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1. **Protecting investors by raising standards for licensed public accountants.** Ronald Daniels, Dean of the University of Toronto's Faculty of Law, has been appointed to review public accounting standards. CGA Ontario is committed to working with Dean Daniels to develop higher standards. The goal? Prevent a repeat of Ontario's own accounting scandals – which have cost investors hundreds of millions of dollars.
2. **Putting the public interest first, by putting in place a tough new regulator.** The government is moving ahead to create a new board to oversee licensed public accountants in Ontario. It won't be dominated by one group of

accountants. It will be mandated to put the public interest ahead of the interests of the accounting profession.

3. **More choice for small and medium sized businesses, charities and other organizations.** Ontarians deserve the right to choose who handles their licensed public accounting, when that need arises. The government will let them make that choice. After all, almost every other province in Canada allows choice – including Ontario's toughest trading partners. And Certified General Accountants have the training and qualifications to do the job.

Two independent reports have called for this overhaul of public accounting. Ernie Eves and his government listened. Now they're acting. It's good news for Ontario.



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Missed clinic for flu shots? There's another chance to roll up your sleeve this month

Area residents who want to guard against influenza – or the flu – this winter have one last chance to get a dose of protection.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health unit is offering last minute vaccinations to anyone who didn't get their flu vaccine at free public clinics held in November. Dates and times for these special vaccinations in December are very limited, so people are asked to call the Health unit's Haliburton office in advance for an appointment. The number is (705) 457-1391.

"We're doing this because we always get calls in December from people who forgot to get vaccinated or who have changed their minds about getting one done," says Sharon Thompson, Director of the Communicable Disease Department with the HKPR District Health Unit.

Free flu vaccines were offered to every resident of Haliburton County at public and school clinics held this month. Final statistics from those clinics show the Health Unit vaccinated 1,140 people in Haliburton – one fewer person than in 2001. Two years ago when the flu vaccine was first offered, 2,107 Haliburton residents were vaccinated by the Health Unit.

The total number of people vaccinated for the flu in Haliburton won't be known until mid-December when figures from hospitals, long-term care facilities and doctors' offices are received. But Thompson notes the volume of flu vaccine distributed to these facilities is no greater than previous years.

She cites people's busy schedules and mild flu seasons the past few years are reasons for the decline in people getting flu shots.

"About 30 percent of the population see real benefits to getting the influenza vaccination," Thompson says. "They value their health and don't wish to be the source of infection for older friends and relatives. As for those who don't get vaccinated, they run the risk of being caught off guard."

Influenza is a serious and contagious illness that is much worse than the common cold. Influenza can cause coughing, fever, chills, sore throats, headaches and muscle aches. Many people are forced to take time off work or alter holiday plans because of the flu.

Red Cross seeks volunteers for new school programmes

January 22, 2003 could change your life! On this day at 7:00 pm the Canadian Red Cross, Peterborough Branch will be holding a-volunteer orientation session for anyone interested in helping to deliver school-based programs for elementary and secondary students in Haliburton County.

The elementary components introduce the students to the concepts of helping and sharing in a local and wider community. "The Helping Hands" and "Red Cross Kids" programs have been developed for students in kindergarten to grade three and address such issues as the environment, global education, cooperation, and anti-racism.

For intermediate students, Grades 7/8, "Global Education Symposiums" focus on global and local issues including poverty, food security, homelessness, violence and land mines.

Secondary students are presented with "World History of Racism In Minutes" WHORM attempts to portray the historical origins of many racist ideas.

Mark Wednesday January 22, 2003, 7:00 pm on your calendar and bring a friend, ideas and energy to The Canadian Red Cross, 565 Water Street, Peterborough. If you can't make the meeting, call Heather French at (705) 745-8222 for more information.

Health Unit launches new web site

Information on many aspects of public health will be available from HKPR

Health Unit Staff

Special to The Echo

Area residents can now add surfing to the list of activities they can do to improve their health.

Web surfing, that is.

The new website for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit was introduced at the most recent Board of Health meeting. The site, located at www.hkpr.on.ca, features a variety of information and resources that residents can use to help improve their health.

"The website is just one more avenue the Health Unit can use to provide information to our residents," says Dr. Alex Hukowich, Medical Officer of Health for the HKPR District Health Unit. "We will still continue to use the traditional methods of sharing information, but the internet may enable us to reach people who would not otherwise come into our office or call one of our staff."

Developed by Echelon Media in Cobourg, the website will feature current and timely information that residents can turn to when they want to learn more about public health issues.

Program Reports

Kay Nicholas, Manager of the Dental Health program, provided an overview of the Health unit's approach to combating Early Childhood Tooth Decay in preschool children. Early Childhood Tooth Decay (ECTD) affects infants and young children. It is a significant childhood disease that is preventable and has been shown to have an impact on a child's general health and their ability to "thrive." ECTD is caused by a number of factors, the most common being allowing a baby or young child to fall asleep drinking from a bottle.

Based on information from the Health Unit's screening program in schools, more than 12 percent of students either have active decay or have been treated for ECTD. As part of their new initiative, Dental Health staff will be aiming to reduce the number of children entering junior kindergarten who suffer from ECTD. The new comprehensive program will involve partnering with other groups and agencies in the community to provide increased education about ECTD, earlier diagnosis opportunities and timely access to care.

Lisa Armstrong, a health Promoter in the Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention Program, provided an overview of municipal alcohol policies and how such a policy reduces alcohol-related problems. A municipal alcohol policy (MAP) governs the use of alcohol on municipally-owned property or facilities and ensures anyone applying for a special occasion permit meets certain guidelines set out by the council. Armstrong highlighted what a MAP would look like, the process to have one developed and the statistics on their effectiveness.

Remarks - Medical Officer of Health

Dr. Hukowich will bring back to the Board a report on the willingness of municipalities to act as a depot for the drop-off and pick-up of water testing bottles. Raised as a potential way to make it more convenient for area residents to have their well water tested, Dr. Hukowich said he would canvas municipalities where there is no Health unit office to gauge the response. The report is to also include the cost of providing a refrigerator to each accepting municipal office and the on-going cost of transporting sample bottles to the provincial laboratory in Peterborough.

The province recently announced the extension of funding for heart health projects for the next five years. The Health Unit's project recently expanded its focus to include chronic disease prevention and is currently receiving funding from Health Canada for additional initiatives. While applauding the province's commitment to heart health, Dr. Hukowich said he expects other projects will also expand their focus to include chronic disease in the coming years.

Dr. Hukowich recently took part in the provincial launch of the influenza immunization program. Locally, attendance at immunization clinics is at the same level as last year.

Medical Officers of Health are being called upon to do more to help residents learn how to protect themselves from climate change. As a recent meeting, Dr. Hukowich said medical officers of health were shown how much the climate is changing and how these

changes can have a detrimental effect on people's health. The warmer weather experienced in the summer puts more people at risk for heat stroke, the smog causes problems for people with respiratory problems and the increased exposure to ultraviolet light can cause

increased cases of skin cancer and cataracts. Acts such as the Kyoto agreement are a step in the right direction, Dr. Hukowich said, but are still just a small part of what must be done to reverse the climate change.

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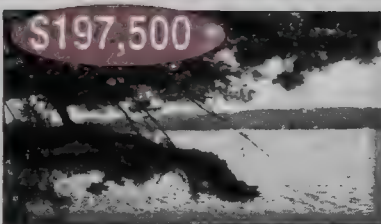
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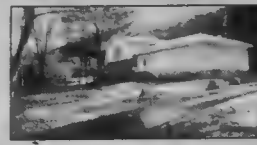


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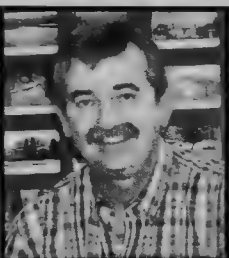
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- **Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** The Third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m., in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. For info, please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **Climax Climbing Club** - every Tuesday evening at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. 6:30 - 8 p.m. for Parents and Children under 13 years, and 6:30 - 9:30 for teens and adults. Drop-in indoor rock climbing. For more information contact Greg Shantz at Family Services 457-5345.
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- **Volunteers needed** for local mediation service. Help foster conflict resolution in your community. Free training is provided for all volunteer mediators. For more detailed information, please call 457-3499 extension 608.
- **Ontario Breast Screening Program** - for women 50 years and over, screening on Thursdays and Fridays by appointment only at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral needed. Call (705) 328-6175.
- **Adult Badminton:** now until May 2003 - Archie Stouffer Public School. Monday 7:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. For more info call Lois 286-1765.
- **Hand Drumming Instruction with Terry Cowen**, Thursdays 6:30 - 8:30 at YWCA. A drum is not necessary. For info call Erin at 754-4618. Everyone is welcome.
- **Dec. 10: Tuesday at Noon. Christmas with Home Support** at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant in Minden. This will be a delicious ham and scalloped potato dinner with all the trimmings. You won't want to miss Santa, prizes and all the fun. Call Sheri at 457-2941.
- **Dec. 11: Join Wheels to Meals at Kei's** in Haliburton on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at noon. Please contact Ida to make your reservations, 457-2941.
- **Dec. 11: An Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long** - Church Rd. off County Rd. #1. Lochlin United Church, Wed., Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. Music by Rev. Harry Morgan, Tom McMullen, John Menzies. Join us for singing, hot cider and Christmas goodies. Everyone welcome. Please bring donations for Food Bank.
- **Dec. 12 & Jan. 9: Haliburton Highlands Senior Citizen Club luncheons** at Haliburton Legion. Dec. 12, Christmas dinner. Sign up. Regular luncheons resume on Jan. 9th with Pot luck.
- **Dec. 12: Christmas Open House at Haliburton County Home Support.** Everyone welcome. Come one come all on Thursday, Dec. 12 between 1 and 4. Home Support is planning a fun filled afternoon with homemade goodies and refreshments. Bring some loose change we are having a bake and tag sale as well. We hope to see you at Home Support in the Halco Plaza.
- **Dec. 12: A Christmas Festival of Readings and Carols** - Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. St. George's Cantata Choir presents a program of Readings and Carols. St. George's Anglican Church. Call 457-2074 to reserve your tickets now. Proceeds to benefit the 4 C's Food Bank. Tickets at Master's Book Store or Perfect Prints.
- **Dec. 13: Join Home Support's Wheels to Meals program Friday, Dec. 13 at Bolger's Fine Dining Restaurant in Harcourt.** Please call Ida to make your reservations or for more information, 457-2941.
- **Dec. 13: Chris Hodgson** our Member of Parliament will be presenting Home Support with a cheque from the Trillium Foundation on Fri., Dec. 13 at 1:30 p.m. The cheque presentation will take place in the Home Support Office in the Halco Plaza.
- **Dec. 16: Alzheimer Society Support Groups.** We are holding informal support meetings. You are welcome to attend. Bring your concerns. We will bring the refreshments. You are not alone. Haliburton, Mon. Dec. 16, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. at Extencicare. Note: Adult Children's Group CANCELLED for December (7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Adult Child Group). Please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Office in Haliburton at 457-8335. Adult children, family and friends of persons with Alzheimer Disease or related dementias are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity to share information and exchange coping skills in a relaxed friendly environment.
- **Dec. 17: The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group will NOT be meeting tonight.** We wish all a merry Xmas and a happy holiday season. Our next meeting is Jan. 21/03 at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge - Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home. For info, please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events and in the Highlands.

Community centre volunteers honoured at Christmas dinner

The Harcourt Community Centre Hall Board volunteers and their spouses enjoyed a special outing on Sunday evening. It was the annual Christmas Dinner. This year it was celebrated at Bolger's Fine Dining at Martinwood Resort. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the fine meal and atmosphere. On behalf of the Municipality of Dysart et Al council members, special guest Reeve Murray Fearey presented plaques to Steve Donaldson, Ed Otto, Doug Knox and Cindy Baumhour in appreciation of their dedicated service to the Harcourt Community Centre Hall Board and councillor Tom Coghlan made a presentation to Ross Covert.

It was noted that it was with regret the Harcourt Community Centre Hall Board would lose two very fine ladies. Long-time members Betty Hayward and Dolly Ragnar have resigned after many years of dedicated service to the Harcourt Community. Their hard work and guidance will be greatly missed. Thank you ladies for so much.

As December 15th draws nearer excitement continues to rise in anticipation of the Wilberforce Santa Clause Parade. Participants in the parade are asked to meet at the Wilberforce E.S. at 12:00 noon. To enter a float or for more information, please call Lynn Waugh at 448 3674. Everyone is welcome to participate.

The parade is expected to leave the school parking lot at approximately 12:30. Santa will stop at the Lloyd Watson Centre for the Loop Children's Christmas Party at approximately 1 p.m. Here he will meet with Mrs. Flowers and her Magic Guitar for a special one-half hour presentation to the children. Following the presentation Santa will be on hand to take those special Christmas orders from all the little boys and girls.

The Loop Children Christmas party has been a special event for the area children for some years. Children (10 years and younger) will have a chance to visit with Santa and have their pictures taken with the jolly old gentleman. While children wait for their turn to visit with Santa, Dolores Packard has arranged for some very special entertainment. Plan

on coming out and having a good time.

It appears that snow brushes and snow shovels will continue to be the number one tools used this month as that white stuff continues to arrive. The white air hides hills and forests and veils homes with wondrous white roof top coverings. As I look about I cannot help marvel at nature's unparalleled sculptures. Tree tops and boughs so fancifully covered in mantels of soft white. Garden paths filled up with drifts of smooth snow and dead stocks from summer plants take on gentle swan-like forms. Did you know that a falling snowflake could take up to two hours to reach the ground?

Did you ever think about all the kinds

of snow and features that snow bring? This is a great time to bundle up your children warmly and take them on a trip outside to see how many of the different kinds of snow you can find together - snow drifts,

snow on the boughs of trees, falling snow, bowl like depressions under trees, overhanging drifts, wind-beaten snow or ripple-like drifts, ground snow, drifting snow, crust on the snow, and the spaces that form between drifts and an obstruction.

Look for animal tracks in the snow and see if you can find deer, dogs, birds, cats and other wildlife tracks in the snow. Along with the snow is cold. Encourage your child to think about what the cold feels like, smells like and sounds like. Take a close look at the snowflakes - it is said that there are no two snowflakes the same. There are basically six different snow crystals - see how many different shapes you can find.

Top the outing off by helping them make a snow shelter or show them how to make snow angels. Snow can be fun and what better way than sharing a snow outing with your children!

Talking about having a good time. New Year's Eve is only a little over three weeks away. Don't forget Timber Tom and the Cross Cuts will be at the Harcourt Community Centre to welcome in the New Year. The Year 2003 marks Harcourt's 100th Birthday. A full buffet luncheon will be served at 11 p.m. and everyone will receive party hats and favours. Get your tickets early.

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Valerie Smith

448-3640

Animals can use help this winter

With food and water sources scarce, winter can be a difficult time for wildlife. Some animals migrate south, some hibernate, but many struggle through the harsh weather conditions. The International Fund for Animal Welfare provides the following tips for keeping wildlife happy and healthy until spring.

- Place birdseed in a feeder in your backyard. Make sure the feeder is in an open area and away from predators' potential hideouts. Once you start feeding birds, ensure you continue, as they may become dependent. Bird feeders also need to be kept clean in order to prevent the spread of disease.
- You can provide winter shelter for birds by placing birdhouses high in the trees. Ensure the house is secure and won't fall during a storm. Once again, make sure that neighbourhood predators, such as cats, cannot get to the birds inside the house.
- Antifreeze is poisonous to pets and wildlife, however its sweet taste can be attract a curious animal. Clean up any spills, and keep antifreeze out of reach when stored. A safer alternative is a non-toxic antifreeze, made with propylene glycol.
- Bang on the hood of your car before starting the engine. Cats and wildlife may climb into the engine of a car when seeking warmth.
- When you are out winter hiking or camping, do not leave any "people food" behind. Our food is not nutritionally adequate for animals, and may cause them more harm than good.
- Be careful not to disturb hibernating animals. Animals that are hibernating have limited food stores and waking them prematurely may cause them to starve. Try to avoid caves that are known to contain bat colonies, as small vibrations may be enough to wake them.



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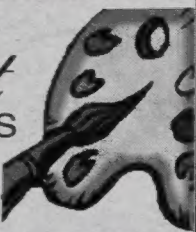
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Applications, including a resume which documents qualifications and experience, and quoting file #CM-2002-10-30-06, should be forwarded, by December 17, 2002 to: Bob Squire, Plant Operations Supervisor, Trillium Lakelands District School Board, 1281 Cedar Lane Road, Bracebridge, ON P1L 1W9. Fax: 705-645-6605.

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450 IN MEMORIAM

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460 OBITUARIES

AT REST

JANE CALDWELL GRAHAM
Passed away at **Extensicare, Haliburton on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2002. At the age of 77.**
Jane was born on July 31, 1925 in Strathavon, Lanarkshire, Scotland and came to Canada as a War Bride. She had many hobbies which included being an enthusiastic world traveller, an avid curler, a bridge player and a frustrated golfer. She helped establish Meals on Wheels in Haliburton County. Beloved wife of Philip Graham. Dear mother of Gordon and his wife Jane of Rockcliff Park. Loving grandmother of Gillian. Dear sister of Isobel Barclay of Troon, Scotland. Friends were invited to join the family for a Celebration of Life Service to remember Jane which was held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 (1-888) 588-5777 on Saturday, December 7, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. Memorial donations to the Proud Pioneers or to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.

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AT REST

MURRAY PATERSON "PAT" WADDELL
A well known, much loved resident of Haliburton, died December 1st, 2002 at the Haliburton Hospital, surrounded by close family and friends.
He was predeceased by his wives Steve and Mae and by his sister Beatrice Conron. He leaves his dear sister Barbara, brothers-in-law, nephews, a niece, and their families. He will be greatly missed by his many friends. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service was held at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Maple Lake on Saturday, December 7th, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. A reception followed at the church (downstairs). In lieu of flowers, Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0 (1-888) 588-5777.

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AT REST

ROBERT COATES
Age 43
Died on November 30, 2002 after a year-long struggle with cancer. Bob leaves his partner Karen, parents Aileen and Keith Coates, sister Mary Kay Brolla and brother John. The Coates family are long-time cottagers in Haliburton. There will be a celebration of Bob's life at the Liberty Grand Entertainment Complex (CNE) on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 2 to 5 p.m.

FIELDING, JOY (Formerly of West Guilford, Ontario) - At Highland Wood Nursing Home, Haliburton on Tuesday evening, December 3, 2002, two days before her 90th birthday. Beloved wife of the late Burt Fielding. Loving daughter of the late Garald and Lena Clancy. Loving mother of Richard of West Guilford. Predeceased by her infant daughter May. Friends were invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ont. on Friday afternoon, December 6, 2002 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral services were in the Chapel on Saturday morning, December 7, 2002 at 11 o'clock. Interment was later at Ingoldsby Cemetery, Ingoldsby. As expressions of sympathy donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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IN MEMORY OF EDNA MAY MADILL

On Friday, December 6, 2002, at the Community Nursing Home in Port Perry, at age 88. Edna (nee Raby), beloved wife of the late Scott Madill of Nestleton. Loved mother of Ruth and her husband Albert Walton of Brooklin, Norma and her husband Ron MacInally (deceased) of Brooklin, Illa Craig of Port Perry, Maurice Madill and his wife Beverley of Seagrave, Grant Madill and his wife Monique of Seagrave, Linda and her husband Tony Raymond of Port Sydney, Bryce Madill and his wife Pat of Ashburn, and the late Russell Madill. Will be fondly remembered by her 21 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren. Dear sister of Florence Johnson, Floyd Gill, Elaine Fallis, Ona White, Audrey Harkness and predeceased by her brothers Vern Raby, Bob Raby, Mitchell Raby, Art Gill, and her sister Betty McMahon. Relatives and friends will be received at the WAGG FUNERAL HOME, "McDermott-Panabaker Chapel", 216 Queen St. in Port Perry (905) 985-2171 on Monday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A Service to celebrate the life of Edna Madill will be held in the Chapel on Tuesday, December 10 at 11 a.m. with Michelle Hofman officiating. Interment Glamorgan Cemetery, Gooderham. If desired, memorial donations may be made by cheque to the Alzheimer Society of Durham Region or the charity of your choice. Special thanks to the caring staff at the Community Nursing Home and to Dr. Stewart and Dr. Ferguson. On-line condolences may be made at www.waggfuneralhome.com

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MIGHTON, WILLIAM (Resident of Haliburton, Ont.) - At Haliburton Hospital on Friday evening, December 6, 2002 in his 88th year. Beloved husband of the late Ruby Statten. Loving father of Joan (Joe Linnell) of Saskatchewan, Marilyn (Bob Davis) and Colleen (Ian Douglas) all of Haliburton. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Jennifer, Kevin, Michelle, Nancy, Jeremy and Arlen and his great grandchildren Tanner, Trevor and Trey, Jeremy and Haley. Dear brother of Bob of Toronto and Harry (Enid) of Alliston. Predeceased by his sister Eileen and his brother Gordon. Also lovingly remembered by his nieces and nephews. Bill was a veteran of the Second World War, a long member of the Broadview "Y" and a retired employee of the former T. Eaton Co. Friends may call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton (705) 457-9209 on Friday evening, December 13, 2002 from 7-9 p.m. Then to St. George's Anglican Church

460 OBITUARIES

Continued

Mountain St. Haliburton on Saturday morning, Dec. 14, 2002 at 11 o'clock. Interment later St. Peter's Anglican Church Cemetery, Maple Lake. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family. A Legion Service will be held at the Funeral Home on Fri. evening, Dec. 13, 2002 at 8 o'clock.

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WILLIAM "ORVAL" FRANCIS

born at Gelert, Ont.
Passed away at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Sept. 30, 2002 at the age of 84 years.
He is the son of the late John and Lenora Francis. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marguerite Bernice Hamilton, of Frost Manor, Lindsay. Also, fondly remembered by Children: Elizabeth and her husband Michael Sears, Bowmanville; Bill and his wife Carol, of Cameron; Bob and his wife Bev, of Bobcaygeon. Grandchildren: Sara and Raymond Sears, Carrie Francis, Mike and (Glenna) Francis, Jeff and (Jackie) Francis. Great grandchildren: Nicole Francis, Sara Francis, Christopher and Nicholas Francis. Brothers and sisters: Susan, John Henry (Jack), Charlie, Edna, May, Clarence (Ted), Stewart (Carl), Ivan (Pete) all predeceased and Alan and Myrtle still living. Other surviving relatives: His sisters-in-law Alice Sedgwick, Ruby, Clara and Gladys Francis. Orval was in good health until Aug. 28/02. He went to bed healthy and suffered a serious stroke. He was transported by ambulance to R.M.H. Lindsay where he passed away peacefully one month later surrounded by family. Orval lived over 31,000 days and he didn't waste very many of them. Every day counted for something. A good end to a good life. Orval was born and raised in Gelert, 7 miles from Minden. His work with the C.N.R. took him and his family to Banockburn for 1 year (1953) then back to Gelert for a year and then Cameron and Lindsay until his retirement in 1982. As soon as he retired it was back to Minden for 20 yrs. of active retirement. Orval attended Gelert Public School. His first employment would have been on the family farm starting at age six. "Everyone had a job and we knew what it was, and we did it." He went into the lumber camps at age 16 and worked on road construction. His father died as the result of a farm accident when Orval was 15 so there was a lot of farm work to be done. He also worked at the Donald Chemical Co. in the late 30s. Joined the C.N.R. as a section man in 1940, served for 5 years in the Canadian Armed Forces, returned to his railroad job, worked his way up to foreman and retired with 42 yrs. service. Orval enlisted with the Midland Regiment Nov. 22/1940. He transferred to, and served with, the Storemont, Dundas and Glengary Highlanders in Europe. Decorations and Medals: Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, France Star, German star. The medal, of which he was most proud, was the (Thank you Canada 1945) which the Dutch people awarded to the Canadian soldiers who fought in the liberation of Holland 1944-45. He received this medal in Feb./02 and the Minden Times did a front page article on it. Orval was an active member of the Minden Legion Br. 636 and a 50 year "paid up member" of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees. His special interests included euchre at the Legion plus Gelert & Lochlin and morning coffee and companionship at Mr. D's. His greatest interest was always his family and his gardens, both flower and vegetable which were his pride and joy. Funeral was Oct. 3/02 at 11 a.m. Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Minden, Ont. Gelert Cemetery, Gelert, Ont. At Orval's prior request the complete service was handled by his long time trusted friend Gordon Monk. Minden Legion Branch 636 paid tribute Oct. 2. Pallbearers were nephews and a niece Ivy Finch, Tom Francis, Harry Francis, Dwayne Wruth, Francis (Porky) Walker, Donnie Walker.

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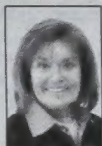
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200 ft deep water frontage, small private lake. Minutes north of West Guilford. Well maintained 2 bedroom. Easily winterized, fully insulated, sand shoreline. \$95,000. Call Rosalind Bagg



EAGLE LAKE

Newly renovated in town home. Close to store, church and lake. Ideal retirement or first time home buyer. Don't miss this opportunity. \$97,600 Call Linda Beachli or Peter Brady



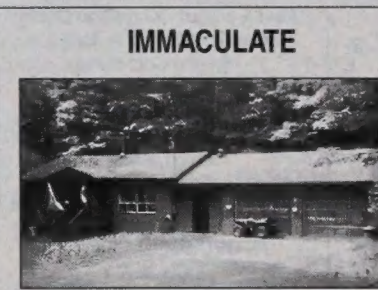
MINDEN HOME

4 bedroom home being renovated. Master bedroom has ensuite, full basement, 2 car insulated and heated garage. Nice view of Minden Lake. \$99,900 Call Erwin Roithmeier



MISKWABI LAKE

Well maintained 3 bedroom home. w/o kitchen to sun porch and deck, cozy living rm with wood stove, unfinished basement. Garage, deeded access to lake. A must see at \$99,900. Call Ted Vasey



IMMACULATE

CEDAR SIDED BUNGALOW

Lg att dbl gar, 5 well wooded acres. Back Blairhampton Golf Course. Has 1 lg bdrm can convert to 2 bdrms. New carpeting, freshly dec. oak cupboards, private. \$112,000. Call Tom & Gail Tempest



MINDEN CHARMER

3 bedroom home with a full finished basement and attached garage on a level landscaped lot just minutes from town. Call now. \$109,900. Call Rick Lowes



SIR SAM'S RD EAGLE LAKE

3 bdrm + sq timber home overlooking Eagle Lake. Rustic charm. 2 mins. to ski hills or public beach. Affordable home or retreat in preferred area. \$129,000. Call Rosalind Bagg



COMING SOON!

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COMING SOON!

Close to Minden. 37.5 acres, modern farm home, many outbuildings, property backs onto crown land. Year round township road. \$139,900. Call Erwin Roithmeier



5 LAKE CHAIN

Fully winterized 3 bdrm/2 bathroom Viceroy style cottage, fairly level lot, walking distance of village. 2 brick F/P's, full unfn bsmt w/walkout & laundry facilities. Dug well. \$154,000 Call Julie Gray



BIRCH BARK LAKE

Private 3 bdrm cottage on excellent spring fed lake. Deep rocky shoreline, south exp. Guest cabin, barn & garage. Abutting 26 acres also for sale. \$176,000. Call Linda Baumgartner & Troy Austen

COUNTRY SETTING



Private, treed 6.8 acre property, minutes from Minden. 3 bedroom brick bungalow, full w/o basement. Bright open concept, fireplace, new 2 car det garage, main fir laundry, sep dining rm. \$178,500. Call Bill Kulas



35 MILES OF BOATING!

4 seasons home/cottage, 4 bdrms, 2 baths, over 2000 sq ft finished and year round access. All this located on Benoir Lake with 2 golf courses 5 min away. \$265,000. Call Vince Duchene



3 SEASON COTTAGE

3 bedrooms & large cedar sunroom. 2 new washrooms, 200 amp services, berber carpet, EBB & woodstove. Gentle elevation w sand & rock frontage north west. \$269,000. Call Cathy Lancia



ALMOST NEW WATERFRONT COTTAGE

On L. Kennisis Lake. Will be completed before closing. Terraced lot with 140' frontage & expansive view. Pine interior, maple kitchen, new septic, skylights. \$310,700 Call Cathy Lancia



MISKWABI LAKE

Year round home on Miskwabi Lake, 4 bdrms, 3 bathrooms, with full finished basement and attached garage, 2400 sq ft. A must see! \$319,900. Call Linda Beachli or Peter Brady



KASHAGAWIGAMOG CHAIN

This English Colonial style 2 storey home will knock your socks off. 2812 sq ft of living space & an 1800 sq ft studio/workshop \$375,000. Call Vince Duchene



GREEN LAKE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Former variety store & restaurant, 1000 sq ft business area plus 300 sq ft kitchen, 2nd floor has 3 apartments, FAO heating, garage, sand beach access & boat launch. \$139,900. Call Ted Vasey

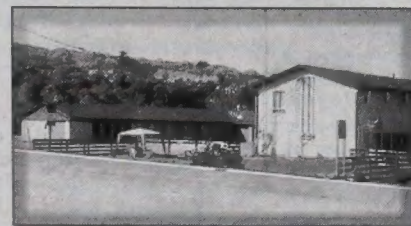


WILD OATS CAFE

In Haliburton Village. House, 2 apts & business space in renovated heritage building. With lots of current rental income. \$245,000. Call Ken Barry

COMMERCIAL

SELF STORAGE BUSINESS



Excellent opportunity in prime location at Hwy #35 and Hwy #118. Five self storage buildings plus 2 apartments on site. Excellent books and low maintenance. \$799,000. Call Melanie Vigrass

VACANT LOTS

9.5 ACRE BUILDING LOT

Nicely forested lot w/frontage on Hwy 503 as well as on quiet side road at rear of property. Hydro available & yr round access. Suitable for that beautiful, private retirement home in the country.

\$10,000

Call Julie Gray

BOBCAYGEON ROAD - 1km north of Queen's line
Many building sites, 10.3 ac \$14,900

COUNTY ROAD #7 - Redstone Lake Dam Rd
Building site cleared, road in, 5.5 acres \$19,900

BEAR LAKE ROAD- 1km north of Glamour Lk Rd, Con 10
Drilled well, septic, trailer, 8.2 ac \$49,700

Call Fred Chapple

VACANT LOTS

WALKERS LINE

Level to sloping building lot. Ideal for full walk out basement. 180ft frontage on year round township maintained road.

\$11,500

Call Fred Gardner

WREN LAKE

Over 500 ft of pristine shoreline on a beautiful clear lake that has great fishing, swimming and boating.

Listed at
\$89,900

Call Fred Gardner

VACANT LAND

Ideal residential properties overlooking Eagle Lake on year round road. Access to lake across the road. 3 properties each parcel over 5 acres++

\$39,000

Call Linda Beachli or
Peter Brady

CRAVE PRIVACY? REDSTONE LAKE

How about 19 wooded acres with 600 ft of variable shoreline, westerly exposure on beautiful Redstone.

Accessed by owner's road thru property.
\$199,000

Call Norm Harrison, Associate Broker